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The CUA continues to improve on academic and administrative levels. I am proud to say that we have reached a formal agreement between the CUA and SIU — we are now equal partners in the central office in Montréal. We hope that this new arrangement will increase the efficiency of our organization and ultimately cut down on costs. We will be able to closely monitor our expenses and allot them to their appropriate divisions (Administration, Annual Meeting, Office of Education and Publications). The CUA staff will continue to respond in a timely manner to the demands of our members. Our evolution and growth is a testament to our openness to change.

We have taken on a very ambitious program with the Office of Education. With the departure of Dr. Harry Zwanenburg, we are now in the process of rearranging this office and determining the specific academic and administrative needs to make it flourish.

The team of hard working volunteers is putting the final touches on the Annual Meeting, in Edmonton (June 22–25, 2008). Dr. Mike and Bonnie Chetner have a fabulous social program. We are looking forward to lots of fun for those who venture out west. The academic portion of the meeting, put together by Dr. Tim Wollin and Dr. Mike Hobart and their committee, promises to be the best yet, with an excellent cast of guest speakers capped off by live surgery with simultaneous open and robotic radical prostatectomies. The debate on laparoscopic robotic and open prostatectomy promises to be not only fun and excited but also very informative.

By the time you read this editorial, I will have already passed the torch on to Dr. Laurence Klotz, who we know will continue to improve the CUA organization with his excellent executive and support staff.

As CUA president, I would like to extend my “virtual office” to you. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me. I would be happy to present them at the next CUA executive meeting. You can contact me at president@cua.org.