History Committee
A Section Secretaries/Membership Council Subcommittee

AUA Staff Liaison
Tupper Stevens

Chair
Ronald Rabinowitz, MD (2016-2023)

Terms of Office
Historian – 4 year term (renewable once)
Exhibit Curator – 1 year term (renewable once)
Curator Emeritus – 1 year term (non-renewable)
Section Historians – Based on Section Historian term
History Committee Members – 2 year terms (renewable once)

Committee Makeup
The Historian is appointed by the AUA President and serves as the Chair of the History Committee. Voting members consist of ex-officio members and individuals selected based on their expertise and interest in urologic history.

- Ex-Officio: Section Historians, Exhibit Curator, Curator Emeritus
- Members: one Resident Representative, one Young Urologist Representative, and up to four at-large members
- The Executive Vice President also serves ex officio without vote

There is a formal timeline and recruitment process for the Historian position. This consists of reaching out to current members of the history committee and any members that rotated off the history committee in the past 5 years. Applications will be collected for a presidential appointment.

The Exhibit Curator is a compensated position selected by the Exhibits and Collections Work Group and also serves on the History Committee.

Mission Statement
The Committee shall serve in an advisory role on matters related to historical interest, museum/archives/library accession/deacccession, exhibition, and Museum sustainability.

Committee Meetings
The History Committee meets once per year at the AUA Annual Meeting and through conference calls and emails throughout the year.

Time Commitment
Chair: 12 hours per year
Curator: 3-5 hours per week
Member: 12 hours per year

Qualifications/Responsibilities
Chair: The Chair is the current Historian of the AUA. See job description.
Exhibit Curator: See job description.
Qualifications/ Responsibilities (continued)

**Members:** Members serve in an advisory role to the William P. Didusch Center for Urologic History on matters related to historical interest, museum/archives/library accession, and exhibition. Actively participate in research, and in preparation of written and other documentation, with knowledge and experience in museums and history highly desired.

**Archival and Historical.** Prepares and maintains records of historical significance, documenting significant milestones in urology as well as section history. Prepares an annual report for submission at AUA Headquarters at the fall History Committee meeting, and may assist with historical articles for publication (notably eulogies for deceased AUA members, which may be published in AUA News). As a member of the AUA History Committee, the representative also provides strategic direction to the William P. Didusch Center for Urologic History and helps to develop long-term strategic plan for AUA’s History initiatives (Museum and Library Activities, Association Archives).

**Annual Meeting Responsibilities.** Participates in the History of Urology forum at the AUA Annual Meeting. Evaluate each History Forum presentation and participate in the review of applications for the annual Retrospectroscope Award. Participate in the Annual Meeting History Exhibit. May collaborate on annual history exhibit and ongoing oral history interviews. Active participation in all AUA History initiatives at the Annual Meeting is expected, including but not limited to the History Committee meeting, History Forum, History Exhibit, Work Group meetings.

**History Committee Workgroups.** Members serve on at least one of the following workgroups:

- **Exhibits and Collections Work Group:** urology-care providers, industry representatives and AUA staff with a passion for urologic education, artifacts and displays.

- **Digital Work Group:** urology-care providers and AUA staff with an interest in digital media and an understanding of effective use to enlighten and educate younger urologists on the history of medicine.

- **Academic Work Group:** urologists with a passion for research and writing on the history of medicine, urology in particular, to work with AUA staff on educational initiatives.

- **Finance Work Group:** urology-care providers and industry representatives with some interest in and knowledge of effective fundraising techniques for the Didusch Center.

**Recent William P. Didusch Center Accomplishments 2019**

- 2019 exhibit: *Get Curious, Get History Through Medical Museums* (80% INCREASE in booth attendees over 2018)

- Awarded 2019 AUA Earl Nation Retrospectroscope Award(s) to Simone Lucia Vernez for *Liquid Gold: the Value of Urine in the Textile Industry* and to Michael W. Witthaus for *Stones, Space, and Dr. Abraham T. K. Cockett: A History of Urolithiasis and Aerospace Medicine*

- Beginning work on 2020 exhibit: *Battlefield Urology*