History Committee
A Section Secretaries/Membership Council Subcommittee

AUA Staff Liaison
Tupper Stevens

Chair
Ronald Rabinowitz, MD (2016-2023)

Terms of Office
Ex-Officio Positions
- 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

Members
- Young Urologist, International, At-large – 3 year terms (renewable once)
- Resident – 2 year term (non-renewable)

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, one International Member and up to four at-large members

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/deaccession, 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.
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. Participate 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.

William P. Didusch Center Accomplishments 2020

- 2020 exhibit: Battlefield Urology was postponed to 2021 in New Orleans.
- Awarded 2020 AUA Earl Nation Retrospectroscope Award to Hannah Moreland for her paper on War Trophies and Phallotomy. A condensed version of her paper was published in the November 2020 AUANews.
- Launched redesigned/updated website for the William P. Didusch Center for Urologic History.
- Launched new online Newsletter on the history of urology/medicine: The Scope of Urology.

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