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 years (renewable once)
Exhibit Curator: 1 year (renewable once)
Curator Emeritus: 1 year (non-renewable)
Section Historians: Based on Section Historian term

Members  Young Urologist, International, At-large: 3 years (renewable once)
Resident: 2 years (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.
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.** 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 2021**

- 2021 exhibit: Battlefield Urology was postponed to 2023; work has begun on 2022 History Exhibit: *The Ins and Outs of Sexual Health*, curated by Dr. Irwin and Sue Goldstein.
- The AUA Earl Nation Retrospectroscope Award was presented to Dr. Adam Russon at Buffalo for his paper and presentation at the AUA2021 Virtual History Forum: *VD and the Battlefield: America’s First Cultural Export to Military Brothels*.
- For 2021, AUA Section Historians sponsored the online medical history newsletter, *The Scope of Urology*, each issue highlighting medical history in that section. Since January 2021, these newsletter pages have been viewed 14,768 times.
- Added a Virtual Tour to the William P. Didusch Center for Urologic History website for visits during the pandemic AND hosted over 70 new staff, urology-care providers and vendors for in-person (masked and distanced) tours of the museum.

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