



### Terms of Office

Ex-Officio	Historian: 2 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/Fellow: 2 years (non-renewable) Medical Student: 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 Medical Student 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

### Vision/Mission/Purpose

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

<i>Chair:</i>	12 hours per year
<i>Curator:</i>	3-5 hours per week
<i>Member:</i>	12 hours per year

### Responsibilities

<i>Chair:</i>	The Chair is the current Historian of the AUA. See job description.
<i>Exhibit Curator:</i>	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.

### Compliance

Committee positions are open to AUA members in good standing. All new members are required to agree to abide by [AUA's Civility Policy](#) when they accept their appointment and agree to annually complete a COI Disclosure Form in accordance with [AUA's COI Disclosure Policy](#). The AUA reserves the right to suspend or remove a member from participation in any AUA activity while the individual is under investigation for a violation of AUA's policies.

### Criteria for Selecting New Members

- Expertise in research and preparation of written historical documentation
- Knowledge and experience in museums or archiving



### Criteria for Selecting Next Historian

The Historian is selected from applications received by the AUA. A written statement of interest highlighting their qualifications and contributions to the history of urology is presented to the the AUA President for selection and appointment to the position.

### William P. Didusch Center Accomplishments – 2024

- The AUA W.P. Didusch Center 2024 History exhibit, [Onward and Upward: Celebrating Black Urologists](#), focused on the contributions of Black urologists to medicine despite the obstacles built by systemic racism in America and included a look to the future for successfully integrating medicine to achieve better outcomes for physicians and their patients. Curated by Dr. Arthur Burnett (Professor of Urology, Johns Hopkins University), the exhibit included video interviews with senior urologists as well as presentations by prominent urologists, including Dr. Linda McIntire, who spoke on the *Origins of the R. Frank Jones Urological Society*. One portion of the exhibit on the history of R. Frank Jones, the first Black board-certified urologist, was brought back to AUA Headquarters for permanent display in the Museum.
- The AUA **Forum on the History of Urology** included 14 Posters and 21 Podium presentations and hosted 194 attendees (a 35% increase over 2023). Highlights included the History Forum Debate: *Can A.I. define "Truth"?* with debaters, Drs. Mack Roach and Elodi Dielubanza (debate winner), and the Annual *Frank Bicknell History of Urology Oration* given by Dr. Arthur Burnett on *The Legacy of Black Urologists in America*.
- The AUA History Committee awarded two winners the 2024 AUA Earl Nation Retrospectroscope Award: Dr. Jasmin Katrin Badawi for her paper and presentation on *Basil Isaac Hirschowitz, Harold Horace Hopkins and Narinder Singh Kapany: Four continents, three scientists, two immigrants and the first flexible endoscope* and to Dr. Shirin Razdi for *The History of the Hijra: A Third Gender in the Indian Subcontinent*. Medical student John Eckenrode will receive an Honorable Mention Award for his submission on *The Legacy of Leonard J.T. Murphy*.
- [The Scope of Urology](#), the *William P. Didusch Center for Urologic History's* biannual newsletter, continues its fifth year of recording AUA Museum initiatives and events and honoring member urologists who have recently died.
- Artifact/Financial Donations and Purchases: The 2024 Museum Stall sold out of most items and brought in \$10,900.00 in sales and donations.