



**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: 3 years (non-renewable), must be a resident at beginning of term  
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**

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

**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 [The Scope of Urology](#)). 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, Archives and Library Activities).

**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

Positions on Councils, Committees, Editorial Boards and Practice Guidelines Panels are open to AUA members in good standing. All members must agree to abide by *AUA's Committee Policies & Procedures* (see *AUA Participation Terms & Conditions* documents located under My Committees Section of the [myAUA](#) webpage). These documents include the requirement to abide by [AUA's Civility Policy](#) and annually complete a Conflicts of Interest (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 policy violation.



#### 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 – 2025/2026

- The AUA William P. Didusch Center 2025 History Exhibit, ***See. Do. Teach: Developing Urologists***, championed President Ramon Guiteras' original vision: from endoscopy and microsurgery to robotics and 3-D printing, the AUA will continue to lead the world in teaching the next generation of urologic care givers. Curated by Dr. Robert Flanigan, the exhibit provided a fascinating look at the history of education in urology and the milestones that transformed education within our specialty – from ancient Greece and the Dark Ages to AUAUniversity and Artificial Intelligence.
- AUA 2026 History Exhibit ***Explorations: Urology in Extreme Environments*** (curated by Dr. Sutchin Patel) investigated the role of urology and medicine in human exploration of space, oceanic, desert, jungle, mountainous, and polar environments.
- The 2025 AUA **Forum on the History of Urology** hosted 12 Posters, 20 Podium Presentations, and over 166 attendees who participated in the AUA History Forum to vote on the Best Poster and winner of the Medical Ethics Debate, *Cadaveric dissections are critical and ethical in medical school* with debaters Jennifer Gordetsky, MD and John Phillips, MD (winner).
- 2026 Forum on the History of Urology featured two astronaut speakers (Drs. Jay Buckey and Jeffrey Jones) on the ethics of space travel and urolithiasis risks in spaceflight.
- The AUA History Committee awarded Aurora Grutman the 2025 AUA Earl Nation Retrospectroscope Award for her paper on *Charles Huggins' Road Not Taken at the Brady Urological Institute*, and the Honorable Mention Award was given to Evan V. Gudell for his paper on *Urology's 20<sup>th</sup> Century Battle: Securing Its Place in the Clinic and the Curriculum*.
- The W.P. Didusch Center's posts on social media have educated and entertained, collecting over 200,000 views in less than a year.
- [The Scope of Urology](#), the *William P. Didusch Center for Urologic History's* biannual newsletter, continues its sixth year of recording the history of urology, AUA Museum initiatives and events, and honoring member urologists who have recently died.
- Artifact/Financial Donations and Purchases: The 2025 Museum Stall generated \$13,620, and 2026 Museum Stall purchases totaled \$13,126. The AUA Museum also received more than 350 medical artifacts bequeathed by Dr. Erwin and Karin Rugendorff, longtime collaborators and benefactors of the collection.