



AUA Staff Liaison	Tupper Stevens
Chair	John Phillips, MD (2024-2026)
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

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.

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 2023

- Battlefield Urology, curated by Dr. Mark Edney (retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, AUA Public Policy Chair) was the well-attended 2023 Annual Meeting history exhibit in Chicago. The booth included 9 presentations by prominent urologists in the field including Arthur Burnett, MD, who spoke on *Successful Penile Transplantation in a Military Veteran*. The [Battlefield Urology exhibit](#) is posted online on the Didusch website.
- The AUA Forum on the History of Urology included 13 Posters and 20 Podium presentations and hosted 144 attendees. Highlights included the History Forum Debate on *Triage in War – When Economics and Resources are Limited: Allies vs Enemies, Military vs Civilians* (won by debater Timothy Donahue, MD) and the History Forum Bicknell Lecture given by Dr Steven Hudak on *Battlefield Genitourinary Injury: Past, Present, and Future*.
- The 2023 AUA Earl Nation Retrospectroscope Award was presented to Elizabeth Ellis, MD for *A Knight's Threat: Was the Use of a Codpiece for Protection or for Exertion of Masculinity: and its Reemergence in Modern Times*. Honorable Mention was awarded to Thomas Osinski, MD for *Refurbishing a Rusty Cystoscope into the Retrospectroscope Award*.
- AUA Historian-Elect, Dr. John Phillips of New York, was introduced to the Committee. Currently working with AUA Historian, Ron Rabinowitz, Dr. Phillips will take over the reins of the History Committee following the 2024 AUA Annual Meeting. AUA Historian, Dr. Ron Rabinowitz of Rochester, NY, received the 2023 William P. Didusch Art and History Award.
- Artifact/Financial Donations and Purchases: The 2023 Museum Stall sold out of most items and brought in \$10,243.00 in sales and donations.