



History Committee Terms of Reference

PURPOSE

The History Committee is responsible for capturing, preserving, and promoting the historical evolution of urogynecology and the role of IUGA within this field. Through dedicated initiatives, this committee will work to document and showcase key milestones, influential figures, and notable developments in the history of urogynecology, providing a comprehensive resource for education and engagement.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The History Committee is responsible for:

- Encouraging research, publication, and presentations on the broader history of urogynecology.
- Writing and publishing a comprehensive account of IUGA's journey and impact on urogynecology.
- Conducting dedicated sessions at the IUGA Annual Meeting to highlight historical aspects of the field.
- Working to include historical perspectives in urogynecology fellowship programs to foster an appreciation of foundational methods and innovations.
- Collaborating with the IUGA journal's editorial team to create a section dedicated to historical content.
- Archiving and maintaining access to legacy materials, including books, theses, and other significant documents; exploring the possibility of a digital or physical IUGA museum.

MEMBERSHIP

The History Committee membership is appointed by IUGA and includes individuals with expertise or a strong interest in the history of urogynecology and IUGA's development.

The committee will consist of a chairperson and 6-10 members with a background in research, education, or historical documentation. Membership aims to reflect the diversity of IUGA's global community.

The chair will be appointed for an initial three-year term, with subsequent terms following a 2-year cycle. Committee members will also serve a three-year term, renewable upon reappointment.

Members are expected to:

- Commit to a 3-year term
- Actively participate in committee initiatives.
- Respond to all requests in a timely manner, including requests to review project drafts
- Maintain membership in IUGA during the term on the committee
- Maintain current contact information with the IUGA Office

MEETINGS

The History Committee will meet as needed to fulfill its responsibilities, with a minimum of one meeting per year. Meetings may be held virtually, by phone, or in person during the IUGA Annual Meeting.

TERMS OF OFFICE

The chair will serve a three-year term, with subsequent terms lasting two years, renewable once through reappointment by committee members.

Committee members also serve three-year terms. Following this first term, members will be (re)appointed by the Board in collaboration with the committee chair for 2-year terms. All members' terms are renewable subject to reappointment.

REPORTING PROCESS

The committee members report to the committee chair, who in turn reports to the IUGA Board. The staff liaison will assist with communication between all parties.

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