

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

The Archives Committee is responsible for gathering, assembling, maintaining and restoring records, photographs and historical memorabilia relating to past and present College activities, and organizing and displaying these materials periodically to the Membership, and compiling articles or monographs relating to the Membership, and compiling articles or monographs relating to the history of the College.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Update on current and ongoing activities:

Historical Exhibit at ACG Annual Meeting

An important initiative of the Archives Committee is the Historical Exhibit produced by ACG staff and displayed during the Annual Meeting. For 2025, the exhibit will focus on preserving the legacy of clinical gastroenterology through the historical medical device collection of Robert E. Kravetz, MD, FACP, MACG. The exhibit will include information on the Dr. Robert Kravetz, MD Medical Museum at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix, which is walking distance from the Arizona Convention Center and ACG 2025 Annual Meeting.

Centennial Celebration Preparations

ACG's centennial will take place in 2032. Early planning for this milestone has begun to include the gathering of historical documents, interviews, and events.

A Look Back: Reflections on Medical History & Artifacts from the Pages of The American Journal of Gastroenterology

The "A Look Back" article series appeared from 1999-2010 in the Red Journal, featuring the medical device collection with commentary by Robert E. Kravetz, MD, MACG. More recently, these same articles have been re-published regularly in the *ACG MAGAZINE*. These items and more from Dr. Kravetz's collection are featured in a 200-page book authorized by the Board of Trustees, championed by the Archives

Committee, and edited by Lawrence Schiller, MD, MACG. The book (ISBN: 978-0-578-75242-6) will be available for Annual Meeting attendees to pick up for free in Phoenix. Additionally, eight (8) complimentary copies of the book have been sent to more than 200 GI fellowship program directors throughout the United States. Several program directors subsequently contacted ACG to request additional complimentary copies, which have been provided.

ACG Past Presidents' Interviews and Oral Histories

For almost 30 years, video recordings of interviews with ACG Past Presidents have been collected and digitized. These are being reviewed by members of the Archives Committee and inventoried. Additionally, the oral histories of noteworthy leaders will be taken through virtual interviews.

ACG Member Recognition

Each year the American College of Gastroenterology recognizes physicians who are completing 25 and 50 years of membership with a pin and certificate. In addition, members who advance to Fellowship in the College receive a copy of *A Look Back: Reflections on Medical History & Artifacts from the Pages of The American Journal of Gastroenterology*.