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Report of the Garrison Lecture Committee for 2009-2010 (selecting the lecturer for 2011)

The Committee comprised James Connor, Mary Fissell, Steven Peitzman, Scott Podolsky, and Arlene Tuchman. We reviewed the desired attributes for the lecturer as described in the AAHM by-laws, and in addition agreed that effectiveness as a lecturer would also be a consideration, along with the expected level of scholarship. We chose to propose that Martin Pernick, PhD be invited to present the Lecture for 2011. The decision was unanimous.

It is, of course, well known that he previously received the invitation, but felt the need to decline at that time. We believe that decision arose out of very unusual and difficult circumstances and in no way reflected any animosity to the AAHM. There can be no doubt that his record of scholarship, standing in the field, and service to the Association warranted the invitation then, and do so now.

I shall confidentially pass along to the next Garrison Committee chairperson the names of the worthy individuals also strongly considered.

Report prepared by Steven J. Peitzman, MD, committee chair.