



**A Brief History  
Of the  
Group on Business  
Affairs  
Association of  
American Medical  
Colleges**

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**Augustus J. Carroll  
1907-1968**

Introduction  
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In 2001 I received a call from Jack Krakower. Jack said that the GBA would shortly celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> year. The Steering Committee had asked that someone be selected to write the history of the organization. He thought I would be a good choice.

I don't think I hesitated. I told Jack that I would be glad to take on the assignment and I would give it my best effort.

Jack sent me a very large amount of material. This included minutes of meetings of the Steering Committee, memos going back to the creation of the GBA, pictures, brochures, and much more.

I spent the first month organizing all of this material and cataloging it.

After that I began writing the book. The first months went well and soon the story began to take shape. I prepared a detailed outline of what I wanted to include in the book and what I wanted to say.

But a year went by and I began to feel frustrated. Progress was much too slow!

Bill Hilles had been a very big help to me in completing the first few chapters. I decided the job was too big for one person.

I asked Bill if he would be able to join me as co-author of the book and he graciously agreed.

Bill has done a magnificent job! It would have been impossible to complete the project without the two of us working together.

Bill and I are very pleased with the way the book has turned out and we hope that you share our pleasure in looking back over 35 years of history.

Our only regret is that time would not permit us to include a brief statement regarding every person who played an important part in the growth and development of the GBA and in helping to achieve its goals and objectives.

Perhaps as time goes by we can add additional chapters and begin to recognize the hundreds of people who worked so hard and who looked at the GBA as one of the most important aspects of their professional careers.

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