1. **A committee mission statement:**

The mission of the Program Committee is to generate the overall schedule for the Mid-Winter Meeting of the ARO. This includes both the scientific content of the meeting and other activities that are relevant to the membership of ARO such as career development, scientific funding, development of collaborations, and education. Development of the Scientific Program includes review of all submitted abstracts and the organization of podium sessions comprised of thematically related abstract submissions. The Program Committee is also responsible for the review and selection of submitted symposium and workshop proposals.

2. **A committee vision statement:**

The vision of the Program Committee is to create a schedule for the Mid-Winter Meeting that offers both outstanding scientific presentations and other content that is relevant to the ARO membership, including mentorship, information on funding and educational activities.

3. **Tasks that the committee completes annually with dates:**

- May 1 to June 1: Review and select submitted symposium proposals for the Mid-Winter Meeting
- October 1 – November 1: Review and develop podium and poster sessions for the Mid-winter Meeting
- December 1: work with other committees to schedule non-scientific activities (mentoring, education, workshops, etc) during the Mid-winter Meeting

4. **Committee charges from the Council:**

Planning the ARO MidWinter Meeting

5. **Which other committees are important to intersect with?**

- Long-Range Planning
- External Relations
6. In what way does your committee communicate and collaborate with spARO?

spARO organizes many of the mentoring sessions, workshops and the poster blitz. Therefore, it is important for the Program Chair to coordinate with the spARO chairs and their faculty liaison to ensure that all proposed activities can be fit into the schedule.

Program Committee

Chair: Matt Kelley, PhD

Scientific Program Co-Chair: Steven Lomber

Members:
- Zubair Ahmed, PhD
- Carey Balaban PhD
- Martin Basch, PhD
- Brandon Cox, PhD
- Robert Froemke, PhD
- Gregory Frolenkov, PhD
- Karen Gordon, PhD
- Shuman He, MD, PhD
- Fatima Husain PhD
- Antje Ihlefeld, PhD
- Steve Lomber, PhD
- Stephane Maison, PhD
- Manuel Malmierca, MD
- Kevin Ohlemiller, PhD
- Teresa Nicolson, PhD
- Sunil Puria, PhD
- Maria Rubio, MD, PhD
- Shinichi Someya, MD
- Dan Tollin, PhD
- Matt Winn, PhD

Council Liaison: John Oghalai, MD

spARO Representative: Grace Soon Kim