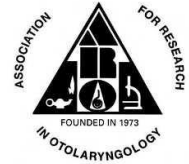


# ARO COMMITTEE UPDATES

Committee Name: ERC



## Our committee is currently working on the following:

- Growing the ARO Speaker's Bureau.
- Enroll more ARO members in the Bureau. Members can [enroll](#) through the ARO website.
- Developing a mechanism for interested groups (teachers, Rotary Clubs, podcasters, etc.) to request a speaker. There is now a form on the [website](#) and we need a way to advertise this initiative to public groups.
  
- Outreach talk associated with the 2021 mid-winter meeting
- Joint event with [Science on Tap](#), which hosts weekly virtual science talks for non-science audiences. They regularly draw over 200 attendees.
- The event is Thursday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> and will be live-streamed. Our speaker is Dr. Kirupa Suthakar, outgoing chair of spARO and a postdoc at the NIDCD. ARO and Science on Tap will jointly advertise the event.

## Our top five action items for the previous year were:

1. Developed the speaker's bureau and begin enrolling participants
2. Held a reverse science fair at The Tech Interactive, a science museum in San Jose, as part of the 2020 mid-winter meeting.
3. Sponsored a choral concert called Musae on the Brain, also as part of the 2020 meeting. The concert included talks about music and vocal production.
4. Grew our Twitter account and passed off management of the account to Parthenon.
5. Leadership transition to Drs. Becky Lewis and Dylan Chan. They take over the ERC as of March 2021.

## Outcomes for 2020

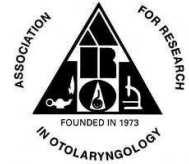
- Two successful in-person outreach events.
- Enrollment in Speaker's Bureau and development of platform for that enrollment
- Increased social media use for internal and external ARO communications.

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