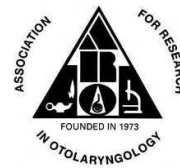


# ARO COMMITTEE UPDATES

Committee Name: Long Range Planning



1. **Our committee is currently working on the following:**
  - a. Survey MWM 2020
    - i. Discussed results
    - ii. Survey results passed on to committee chairs and Council
  - b. Survey MWM 2021
    - i. Short rotating questions for each virtual session
    - ii. Survey for MWM 2021 in progress, deadline for edits 1/22/21
    - iii. Survey to be submitted to Council for approval
    - iv. Loading onto Parthenon website for immediate distribution after MWM
  - c. Gauging the ARO membership attitudes towards including virtual programming in the future
  - d. Planning for Strategic planning
  
2. **Our top five action items for the previous year were:**
  - a. Gauge San Jose as a meeting site and solicit suggestions for improvements
  - b. Collect data on MWM activities including scientific programs, social events, workshops, spARO mentoring sessions, accommodations to send to relevant committee chairs
  - c. Determine that the majority of ARO attendees do not want to lengthen the meeting, instead prefer more concurrent sessions (with many calls for virtual programming)
  - d. Brainstorm ideas for actionable tasks for ARO – on hold until strategic planning
  - e. Collected data that supported the formation of the accommodations committee
  
3. **Outcomes for 2020**
  - a. At the request of Council, LRPC is expanding its role in ARO to include real long range planning, as has started brainstorming roles for the committee
  - b. LRPC generated data from the ARO membership to support improvements to future ARO programming
  - c. The members that will remain on the LRPC in 2021-2022 are enthusiastic about strategic planning, and have been asked to start thinking deeply about the functions of ARO. Strategic planning will commence in March 2021

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