



ARO Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 3 PM ET

Attendees: Cathy Sung (Chair), Kirupa Suthakar, Braulio Peguero, Andreas Eckhard, Jarnail Singh, Sumana Ghosh, Judith Kempfle, Bryce Hambach

Committee Updates:

The executive office briefly discussed the plan to onboard new committee volunteers by the May committee meeting. The committee also discussed implementing subcommittee chairs for different initiatives within the Education Committee, including the Seminar series, Coffee Hour, and advanced techniques and models in hearing research.

Seminar Series and Coffee Hour Updates:

Updates were provided on the seminar series, coffee hour, and plans for the future of the Education Committee. Plans were discussed for the coffee hour sessions, including inviting more participants and organizing sessions. The committee discussed plans to invite the Travel Awards Committee and discuss abstract writing for the next midwinter meeting.

Coffee Hour on Publishing:

We were given suggestions to plan a coffee hour for publishing. The session would focus on journal-specific manuscript preparation, the editorial and review processes, and different types of articles. The group planned to coordinate timelines for the Coffee Hour session in the future.

Science Communication Workshop:

The committee discussed bringing back the science communication workshop and how to implement it in the program as well as the different forms it has taken over the years. The committee discussed science communication workshops for the public and for colleagues (in preparation for the ARO MWM), both in person and digitally. The background of the science communication workshop initiative and the possibility of involving external professionals were also discussed. Suggestions were made to seek funding from the Council for Professional Science Communicators and explore volunteer and paid options for leading the initiative. The committee highlighted different aspects of science communication to consider and proposed splitting the initiative into poster/oral presentation training and general science communication workshops.

JARO Special Edition and Advanced Techniques Initiative:

An update was provided on the JARO special edition initiative and plans to send out submission invitations to seminar series speakers are in the works. The committee discussed the possibility of getting something published to drum up interest and collaboration for submissions. The Executive Office will create a JARO x ARO letterhead to make the invite look official. The committee considered sending invitations only to speakers who had already presented seminars. For upcoming and future seminar speakers, invitations will be sent in the follow-up email after the seminar.

Advanced techniques and models in the hearing research:

Plans were made to continue discussing the advanced techniques and models in the hearing research initiative at the next meeting.

Graduate Program Sessions:

The committee briefly discussed a suggestion from a previous meeting to invite graduate program chairs for a Q&A session for those interested in grad school. The committee considered the time commitment and feasibility of implementing this initiative this year and decided to keep it as a back-burner idea for future consideration.