



Education Committee July Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 15, 2024

Time: 3:00-4:00 PM ET

Attendees: Kirupa Suthakar, Jessica MacLean, Sumana Ghosh, Jarnail Singh, Afagh Farhadi, Peter Santa Maria,

Kirupa led the discussion in Cathy's absence, starting with committee member assignments based on survey results

Jessica provided an update on the Seminar Series, welcoming new members and announcing upcoming speakers. The final session on the middle ear topic is scheduled for July, followed by a two-month break. The Music Perception series will begin in September. She also encouraged topic submissions for future seminars.

Jarnail reminded the committee about the upcoming Coffee Hour on August 14, focused on tips for ARO abstract writing and travel award applications.

Sumana proposed integrating a coffee hour into the gEAR initiative. The committee agreed that it should start as a coffee hour and possibly become a standalone initiative in the future. This session would address questions not covered in existing resources and is planned to occur at least twice a year. The exact format has yet to be decided.

The committee discussed organizing structured gEAR coffee hours with breakout rooms for specific topics to better meet community needs. It was agreed that a survey should be conducted to identify the most relevant topics before finalizing the coffee hour format.

Planning for various initiatives continued, including the "Cutting Edge Technology and Hearing Science" initiative. Afagh updated provided an update and is currently finalizing



dates and speakers, but the first two events are tentatively scheduled in March and May of 2025.

The team debated whether to continue with volunteer-led science communication workshops or seek professional funding. They decided to host the Coffee House event every other month and noted upcoming workshops on science communication and diversity.

Kirupa announced that the JARO editor confirmed a special edition with no article processing fees for Seminar Series reviews unless authors opt for open access. A draft email inviting past seminar series speakers to submit review articles was shared with the goal of increasing participation and submissions. Once finalized, the executive office will send out the invitation to all past speakers.