



ARO Education Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 10 AM ET

**Attendees:** Cathy Sung (Chair), Sunil Puria (Council Liaison), Kirupa Suthakar, Andreas Eckhard, Jarnail Singh, Judith Kempfle, Peter Santa Maria, Randy Kulesza, Tong Shan, Jason Brant, Rhiannon McNeely (Executive Office)

**Committee Updates:**

The committee welcomed new committee members, gave brief introductions and provided an overview of the committee's structure and ongoing initiatives.

**Seminar Series Updates and Discussion:**

The committee reviewed the current Seminar Series on the Middle Ear and discussed the plans in place for upcoming speakers for May, June and July. The committee is actively seeking candidates to set up the lineups for the music perception seminar, which would be the final topic of the year. Committee members were encouraged to visit the Google Doc where the seminar series topics and brainstorming are listed.

**Coffee Hour Updates and Discussion:**

The committee reviewed the coffee hour initiative. A coffee hour session on abstract writing and travel award application package have been agreed on for August. The committee discussed the integration of a publishing initiative into the coffee hour, considering it could benefit those preparing for the ARO MidWinter Meeting.

**Science Communication Workshop Update:**

The committee discussed the current lack of resources for science communication workshop initiative and suggested that it might not occur this year.

**Advanced Techniques Update:**

The task group will draft an invitation email for speakers. The first planned session was proposed for July or early August, before the ARO abstract submission deadline.

**Inviting Speakers:**

The committee discussed strategies to invite speakers for upcoming initiatives. It was suggested to send out detailed email invitations, specifying the desired participation with a focus on the importance of time of the invitation to avoid overlap of other initiatives. The committee will distribute information to spARO and the ARO Council to gather feedback and identify potential speakers.

**JARO Special Edition and Advanced Techniques Initiative:**

A draft of the special addition invite was sent to the JARO Editor-in-Chief and is pending feedback. The committee will follow up with the editor once more. The executive office will provide a JARO x ARO letter head template for the official invite.