



spARO July Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 25, 2024

Time: 3:00-4:00 PM ET

The group briefly discussed offering a program to allow student members to volunteer at the MidWinter meeting to offset attendance expenses. Volunteers could assist with tasks like wayfinding and poster presentations. The idea will be further developed to define roles and determine how much registration fees could be reduced through volunteering.

Committee updates, including progress on workshop rankings and plans for upcoming webinars, were reviewed. A proposal for a school outreach event to promote hearing health was also discussed, with suggestions for creating engaging slides and activities.

The Global Professional Outreach Committee is still defining its role, and assistance with the social offset for the conference was discussed. Specific sessions for future events need to be decided, and concerns about volunteer responses were noted.

Efforts to update research notes were outlined, with plans to consult with the JARO editor about feasible ideas and potential barriers.

A meeting will be scheduled to clarify the next steps for ongoing projects. A reminder email will be sent to mentorship program participants to ensure initial meetings occur. Drafts for a social offset letter were reviewed, and feedback was sought on addressing concerns related to a conference location.

The potential costs and benefits of hiring exhibitor booths for charitable organizations were discussed, along with the possibility of additional funding and merchandise sales. Research into related state legislation is planned.

Safety concerns for travelers to a conference location were raised, including the need for practical safety measures and potential limitations. Future event venues might be reconsidered for better safety and privacy. Safety measures will be communicated to the hotel, and concerns and solutions will be compiled for review. The group plans to reconvene in August, pending availability.