



## **ARO Education Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: Monday, August 19, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM- 5:00 PM ET

### **Attendees:**

Cathy Sung (chair), Bryce Hambach, Jessica MacLean, Judith Kempfle, Tong Shan, Jason Brant, Jarnail Singh, Kirupa Suthakar

### **Minutes:**

**ARO seminar series:** The committee reviewed updates and future plans for the ARO Seminar Series. The new series begins in September and will focus on 'Music Perception'. An email will be sent to schedule a seminar series subgroup meeting for a more detailed discussion of the series.

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**Reminder:** We are making great progress! If you haven't already, please take 5 minutes to nominate speakers for the "ARO seminar series" in the Google doc linked below.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UwwAxWeluLGI2eRnjKyZA0o6UanGXigOkJGk79SUU/edit#gid=733610552>

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**Coffee hour:** The recent coffee hour on **Abstract Writing and Travel Award applications Pointers** was deemed a success, with notable audience participation. To monitor changes over time, it was proposed to hold a Q&A session on this topic every three years, with flexibility for adjustments as needed. The recording of this session is available to all ARO members and non-members on the ARO website.

**Coffee hour:** The committee briefly addressed the **gEAR initiative**, noting that there are numerous gEAR resources available. It was suggested that sending out a survey to the membership could help identify which gEAR topics would be most beneficial to cover, allowing the committee to prioritize addressing the most pressing member needs.

**Coffee hour:** The committee also discussed concerns about recording the **science communication workshop**. Before proceeding, the relevant parties will address the issue of obtaining consent to record.



**Cutting-Edge Techniques and Models:** The subcommittee provided an update on their progress, having identified topics for this program, and also requests the committee’s input on suggestions for candidate speakers who could effectively lead each discussion. Below are the first two sessions currently scheduled. Two dates have been secured for events with the ARO Executive Office:

12PM ET, Wednesday, March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Computational modeling in Auditory Science
12PMET, Wednesday, May 7 <sup>th</sup> 2025	Mouse genetics (animal model)

The committee is still working on inviting speakers.

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**Reminder:** Please take 5 minutes to nominate speakers (discussion leaders) for topics listed in the Google doc linked below, as part of the “Cutting-Edge Techniques and Models” program.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AlpsG\\_tD0ID1fTDaHbhHNaEhjygDWu6Ee6W6AhKh6IY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AlpsG_tD0ID1fTDaHbhHNaEhjygDWu6Ee6W6AhKh6IY/edit?usp=sharing)

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**JARO special edition:** The subcommittee agreed to prioritize the submission of review articles, either through “Collaborative Symposia submission” or “Individual submission of a magazine format (Quick Guide, Knowledge Primer, or Essay)”. Submission of speaker spotlight articles, such as “JARO member spotlight” or “Current Biology Q&A” will be postponed until the review article submission initiative has been launched and responses from the ARO community have been gathered.

It was confirmed that no article processing fee will be charged for submission unless authors choose open access. The committee is awaiting replies from speakers and plans to contact the JARO editor-in-chief for an update on submissions.

The idea of Education Committee hosting an in-person event at the upcoming ARO MidWinter Meeting was discussed, with options including a committee gathering or an informal reception to thank seminar speakers and promote joint initiatives. Due to time constraints, this combined event idea has been postponed to 2026. In the meantime, ribbons with the "Virtual Seminar Series" design will be created to identify contributing speakers.