ARO Awards Committee Meeting Minutes
2025 Award of Merit Recipient Discussion and Vote
Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Attendees: Katie Kindt (Chair), Elizabeth Olson, Maria Rubio, Joel Snyder, Hainan Lang, Wei Dong, Jianxin Bao

Excused due to Conflict of Interest: Elisabeth Glowatzki, Lina Reiss, Daniel Sun

The meeting convened to discuss the two 2025 ARO Award of Merit finalists, Dr. Paul Fuchs and Dr. Larry Trussell. An overview of each candidate, highlighting their contributions and showcasing their significant impact in their fields, was presented to the committee for consideration.

Paul Fuchs was recognized for his pioneering research in hair cell physiology, while Larry Trussell's contributions to neurophysiology were noted for their importance in auditory transmission and mentorship.

The committee discussed the strengths of both candidates and agreed that each candidate was fully qualified and meets to criteria to receive this award. Each committee member was given a chance to share their thoughts. The autonomous voting process was outlined, ensuring everyone understood how to participate. Each member on the call privately submitted their vote to the executive office. Dr. Paul Fuchs received the most votes and will receive the 2025 ARO Award of Merit.

A timeline for upcoming award nominations was reviewed, and reminders will be sent as necessary.