ARO Education Committee Minutes
October 15, 2024
3:00-4:00 PM ET

Attendance:

Cathy Sung (chair), Bryce Hambach, Afagh Farhadi, Sumana Gosh, Tong Shan, Kirupa Suthakar, Jarnail Singh, Jessica MacLean, Rhiannon McNeely (executive office)

Minutes:

Coffee Hour Updates and Discussion

The committee discussed and agreed to postpone the coffee hour session with gEAR until summer or fall due to concerns about overburdening the gEAR team. The committee discussed a plan to send a survey to potential attendees to gauge their specific learning interests and use the results to structure the session. The task group will follow up with the gEAR to determine a suitable schedule that allows enough preparation time for both parties.

Science Communication Workshop Updates and Discussion

The committee discussed plans for the Science Communication workshop. The committee clarified that they would be taking over the workshop, as the previous organizers were no longer able to continue. It was noted that the workshop had traditionally been held virtually, which aligned with the committee's goals for this year.

The committee proposed the idea of inviting an expert to lead the workshop, suggesting a potential speaker with relevant experience in science communication. However, the committee acknowledged potential timing challenges due to other scheduled events in the coming year. Members agreed to review notes from past workshops to help guide their planning and determine the feasibility of holding the session in the fall.

It was proposed to look into funding options for invited speakers. The committee discussed inviting a speaker, negotiating rates or seeking council funding. It was suggested keeping the event interactive and communicating research to peers and the public, with online resources and biannual sessions. The committee agreed to first find an internal speaker for a scientific talk, considering external speakers if needed.

JARO Initiative Updates and Discussion

It was suggested having a recurring invite for JARO Editor-in-Chief to join the committee meetings for updates.