Meeting Name: Education Committee Meeting
Date: July 22, 2025 | 4:00-5:00 PM Eastern Time
Attendees: Cathy Sung (co-chair), Jarnail Singh (co-chair), Steve Lomber, Miyoshi Takushi Afagh Farhadi, Sunil Puria (board liaison), Pankaj Bhatia, Sree Varshini Murali, Mahesh Nayak, Rhiannon McNeely (executive office)

ARO Seminar Series

Updates on the Seminar Series were shared, highlighting the current cycle focused on the auditory brainstem and midbrain. The committee discussed the possibility of pausing the series from September to December and resuming in March 2026 following the MidWinter Meeting. Afagh kindly offered to assist with the auditory nerve section of the upcoming seminar cycle.

Action Items:

- Cathy to send out subtopics for the next cycle and organize a vote.

Coffee Hour Initiatives

The Coffee Hour initiative team discussed two upcoming sessions: one on September 10th about establishing a lab as a new PI, and another on November 12th focused on alternative career paths for young scientists. One speaker has been confirmed for the September session, with a second expected to be confirmed by Friday. The team also considered skipping the science communication workshop this year due to a similar session hosted by the Accessibility and Accommodation Committee, and will reach out for clarification. There are also plans to potentially split the November session into two recurring Coffee Hours, each highlighting different career paths.

Action Items:

- Jarnail to finalize speakers for the September session.
- Jarnail to reach out to the Accommodation Committee for clarification on the science communication workshop.
- Plan the alternative career path session for November.

Cutting Edge Techniques and Models

The team reviewed the success of their July Cutting Edge Techniques and Models session, which reached full Zoom capacity. A brainstorming meeting is scheduled for August to plan future sessions. Recordings from the recent session are currently available on YouTube, and there are plans to create a dedicated page on the ARO website to host these and related materials.

Action Items:

- Jarnail to contact speakers for the upcoming sessions.
- Brainstorming meeting in August.

Jaro Special Edition

The submission process was outlined, including a designated point of contact and a follow-up timeline. Progress on Presidential Symposium submissions was also discussed, with one submission already received. The group addressed a potential overlap between the JARO Special Edition and Presidential Symposium content, noting the need to clarify whether both would share the same submission link. A summary of all speakers will be compiled.

Action Items:

- Kirupa to assign subcommittee members as points of contact for seminar speakers.
- Kirupa to follow up with JARO Editor-in-Chief for clarification on the Presidential symposium submissions.
- Sunil to provide a summary of all Presidential Symposia speakers.