Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name: Education Committee Meeting
Date: August 26, 2025 | 4:00-5:00 PM Easter (US)

Attendees: Cathy Sung (chair), Jarnail Singh (chair), Steve Lomber, Kirupa Suthakar, Sree Varshini Murali, Pankaj Bhatia, Jason Brant, Tong Shan, Afagh Farhadi, Judith Kempfle, Sumana Ghosh

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began with greetings and introductions. Cathy welcomed everyone and mentioned that Rhiannon McNeely from the ARO Executive Office could not join due to personal issues.

2. ARO Seminar Series

An update was provided on the ARO Seminar Series, including current and upcoming speakers. The committee also discussed the process of selecting candidate seminar speakers for the Auditory Nerve and Inner Ear Function topics.

Decisions Made:

- Continue with the current seminar series schedule.
- Identify and reach out to potential seminar speakers for the Auditory Nerve and Inner Ear function Topics.

Action Items:

- Cathy to finalize the list of seminar speakers and backups.
- Cathy to identify points of contact for seminar speakers.

3. Coffee Hours

An update was provided on the Coffee Hours, including the upcoming session on September 10th and the need for a moderator. The committee also briefly discussed potential topics and speakers for future sessions.

Decisions Made:

- Identify and reach out to potential speakers for future coffee hours.

Action Items:

- Committee members to sign up as moderators for coffee hours.

- Sumana to share the Google Sheet link for coffee hour topics and speakers.

4. Cutting-Edge Techniques and Models

An update was provided on the cutting-edge techniques and models initiative. It was mentioned to reach out to potential speakers and plan a session in mid-November.

Decisions Made:

- Schedule the next session in mid-November.
- Confirm speakers for the session.

Action Items:

- Jarnail to follow up with potential speakers.
- Tong to coordinate the session details.

5. JARO Special Edition

An update on the JARO Special Edition initiative was provided, discussing the process of inviting seminar speakers to contribute. Also mentioned was the need to follow up with previous seminar speakers who were not invited initially.

Decisions Made:

- Follow up with previous seminar speakers.
- Clarify the difference between the JARO Special Edition and the Presidential Symposium.

Action Items:

- Kirupa to follow up with Dr. Paul Manis and Dr. Melissa Carras.
- Kirupa to reach out to the JARO Editor-in-Chief for clarification.