Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name: Education Committee Meeting
Date: September 23, 2025
Time: 4:00-5:00 PM ET

Attendees: Jarnail Singh (co-chair), Cathy Sung (co-chair), Rhiannon McNeely (executive office), Sumana Ghosh, Tong Shan, Afagh Farhadi, Sree Varshini Murali, Takushi Miyoshi, Mahesh Nayak, Jason Brant, Steve Lomber

1. Welcome and Introductions
The meeting was opened, and it was confirmed that there were no housekeeping announcements.

Decisions Made:

- No housekeeping announcements were made.

Action Items:

- None.

2. ARO Seminar Series Update
An update was provided on the ARO Seminar Series. The current series on the auditory brain stem and midbrain is concluding with a talk by Dr. Daniel Llano. The next series on the auditory nerve will start in March 2026, with Dr. Charlie Lieberman confirmed as the opening speaker. Planning for the inner ear function series will begin once the auditory nerve series is finalized.

Decisions Made:

- Dr. Daniel Lano will give the final talk of the current series.
- Dr. Charlie Lieberman is confirmed for the auditory nerve series starting in March 2026.

Action Items:

- Cathy to coordinate with the point of contacts for reaching out to seminar speakers.
- Finalize speakers for the inner ear function series.

3. Coffee Hour Update

Summary:
An update was provided on the recent coffee hour focused on establishing a lab as a new PI, which was reported to be well-received. The next coffee hour, on alternative career paths for young scientists, is scheduled for November 12th.

Decisions Made:

- The next coffee hour will be on alternative career paths for young scientists on November 12th.

Action Items:

- Jarnail and Sumana to finalize speakers for the November coffee hour.

4. Cutting-Edge Techniques and Models Update

Summary:
An update was provided on the Cutting-Edge Techniques and Models initiative. The next session is planned for mid-November and will focus on AI and large language models in auditory neuroscience.

Decisions Made:

- The next session will be held in mid-November.

Action Items:

- Confirm speakers and finalize the content for the next session.

5. JARO Special Edition Update

Summary:
An update was provided on the JARO Special Edition initiative. Invitations have been sent to previous ARO seminar speakers to write review articles. Follow-up emails will be sent if no response is received within three months.

Decisions Made:

- Follow-up emails will be sent to speakers after three months if no response is received.

Action Items:

- Follow up with invited speakers for the JARO Special Edition.