AUA Staff Liaison  Brooke Murphy

Chair  David F. Penson, MD

Terms of Office  Chair – 2-year term (renewable once), based on contract
Member – 3-year term (renewable once)

Committee Makeup
The voting members of the Science and Quality Council shall consist of the chair, approximately 6 members and the chairs of the designated component committees. The chair shall be approved by the Board of Directors for a two-year term (renewable once) and members serve a 3-year term (renewable once). The Health Policy Chair shall serve as an ex-officio member. Component committees include but are not limited to the Practice Guidelines Committee, Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee and Data Committee. (AUAER Bylaws, May 2014)

In addition, every other year a S&Q Fellow is selected in April to serve a 1-year non-voting term (Annual Meeting- Annual Meeting) on the S&Q Council and its subcommittees (PGC, QIPS, Data).

Mission Statement
The Science and Quality Council shall oversee the science, quality and data components of the Association's mission as requested by the Board of Directors. This includes but is not limited to the development, dissemination, and implementation of guidelines, white papers, physician performance measures, patient safety initiatives, registries, and data projects. (AUAER Bylaws May 2014). Additionally, the Council shall provide oversight to the Science & Quality Division.

Component Committees/Work Groups/Panels
Component committees include, but are not limited to: Practice Guidelines Committee, Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee, Data Committee, Electronic Health Records Work Group and Patient Safety Work Group.

Committee Meetings
The Science and Quality Council shall have in-person or conference call meetings either prior to AUA Annual Meeting and in the fall. Contact with committee members via conference calls and email correspondence shall occur throughout the year on an as needed basis. The Council will monitor and provide guidance to S&Q programs to ensure effective and efficient implementation of projects. The Council will review new programs, Guidelines and White Paper topics, etc. and make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Council will be part of peer review and approval process for Guidelines and White Papers. The Council will serve as an oversight group for vetting members for various panels and workgroups and coordinating conflicts of interest review with the Judicial & Ethics Committee. The Council shall coordinate with other AUA Councils on Quality and Science issues impacting health policy (e.g., AMA resolutions, Legislative Priorities, reimbursement and regulation, etc.).

Time Commitment
Chair: Approximately 12-15 hours per week
Member: Average of 8 hours per month
Qualifications/ Responsibilities

Chair: The Chair is a compensated contracted position.

Members: Committee members should have an interest in or be directly involved in one (or more) of the subject matters covered by the committees that report to the Science and Quality Council or are part of the AUA’s Science and Quality Division’s purview: Practice Guidelines Committee; Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee; and the Data Committee.

Recent Accomplishments 2017

- **AQUA Registry**
  - Number of Practices: 483
  - Number of Providers: 3,190
- **AUA Annual Census**
- **AUA Data Grant Program**
  - A total of 10 applicants were invited to submit full applications.
  - Four awards ($25,000 maximum award each) will be publicly announced in January 2018.
- **White Papers in Progress:**
  - Enhancing Surgical Outcomes (Preoperative, Perioperative, Postoperative)
- **Measure Development:**
  - Finalizing Several Collaborative Efforts: NSQIP, ASCO
  - Continuing Work with CoC on Kidney Measures
  - Developing Measures for AQUA Registry
- **QI Summit:**
  - “Challenges and Opportunities for Stewardship of Urological Imaging” on October 21, 2017
- **QI Program:**
  - Pilot Underway
- **Choosing Wisely:**
  - Release of New List- section presentations, radio ad, and additional activities.
- **Guidelines released at Annual Meeting 2017:**
  - Localized Prostate Cancer
  - Renal Mass and Localized Renal Cancer
  - Stress Urinary Incontinence in Women
  - Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer
- **New topics approved by BOD for guideline development:**
  - Testosterone Management
  - Erectile Dysfunction
  - Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia