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Chair	Delores Lamb, PhD
Terms of Office	Chair: 2-year terms, non-renewable Member: 2-year term (renewable for a maximum of 8 years)

Committee Makeup

The Committee is composed of 8-12 members, including members of the Research Council. Recommendations for new members will be solicited from current members of the Committee, members of the Research Council, and the AUA community at large. The Research Council Chair and Director of Research will work with the Committee Chair to collaboratively assess and prioritize all recommendations prior to new member selection and invitation.

Mission Statement

Promote dissemination of scientific discoveries through integrated conferences, shared platforms and media tools in order to foster inter-disciplinary collaborative science.

Committee Meetings

The Research Education, Conferences, and Communications Committee shall meet by teleconference approximately monthly or as deemed necessary by the Research Council Chair and Director of Research, with one to two in-person meetings per year typically at AUA Headquarters. The Chair of the Committee will also participate in all Research Council meetings.

Time Commitment

Chairs: 3-4 hours per week

This includes teleconferences and meetings with staff, various committees and representatives of external organizations/agencies.

Member: 2 hours per week

Responsibilities

Chair: In executing responsibilities, the Chair of the Research Education, Conferences, and Communications Committee will report to the Research Council Chair and the Research Council as a whole and oversee any workgroups or subcommittees that may be created. The Chair, moreover, must work in a mutually effective and collaborative manner with the Research Council Chair and Director of Research to help develop a coordinated research training curriculum, coordinate research meetings and events, and establish effective strategies to disseminate research information from the Office of Research and external sources, including but not limited to promotion of research meetings.

Members: Committee members must 1) be available to participate in Research Council Meetings and Committee meetings and 2) work collaboratively and effectively with the Research Council Chair, other members of the Research Education, Conferences, and Communications Committee, and the Director of Research and other Office of Research staff.



Qualifications

Chair:

- Must be an AUA Member and active in urologic research at the time of assumption of the position.
- Must possess experience in research conference program planning, educational research initiatives, and/or communications initiatives to advance urologic research.
- Must be an urologist or researcher with a strong track record of achievement in urologic research and training.
- Must be available for communication with members of the Committee, Council, Board of Directors, and staff.

Members:

- Must have a strong track record of achievement in urologic research.
- Must possess experience in research conference program planning, educational research initiatives, and/or communications initiatives to advance urologic research.
- Must be available for communication with members of the Committee.

Recent Accomplishments (2018)

- Held the **2018 AUA Early-Career Investigator Workshop** at the AUA HQ on October 11-13, 2018, which hosted 32 participants for an enhanced program (based on feedback from previous workshops). Twelve faculty mentors participated, as well as representatives from the NCI, NIDDK, NIA, DoD, American Cancer Society, and AUA, provided education on successful grant applications. This program has shown a 35:1 ROI, with 69% of post-workshop grant applications being funded.
- **Research Education Curricula: First research education online course, "Writing a Successful Career Development Award Application," completed and launched on AUA University. Second course, "Big Data and "Omics" Analysis in Urology," is written and under development/design with vendor. This course is expected to launch in spring 2019. Enhancing Researcher Engagement:** AUA.net.org/research has been redesigned, and refreshed with improved content to increase engagement between the diversity of members within the urology research community and with the AUA Office of Research. This site offers more robust resources to increase general support for researchers and increase AUA researcher membership and Annual Meeting attendance. A proposal was developed and approved in 2016. The RECCC developed content and met with AUA Marketing and Communications in October 2017. AUA.net.org/research was launched in time for AUA 2018 Annual Meeting. **Office of Research Scientific Symposia for AUA 2019** planned by RECCC members: Urologic Oncology Research Symposium, "Metabolism and Cancer." Basic Sciences Symposium, "Social (and Antisocial) Cell Signaling Networks in the Urinary Tract." Challenges for Urologic Research Series, "Testosterone Therapy: Use and Misuse – What the Research Tells Us."