AUA Staff Liaison
Raymond Fang, MSc, MASc

Chair
Steven M. Schlossberg, MD, MBA

Terms of Office
Members serve three-year terms (renewable once)
Chair serves a three-year term (non-renewable)

Committee Makeup
The Chair is selected by the AUA President based upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors and the Science and Quality Council. The committee also consists of approximately 12 members recommended based upon required expertise with consideration given to geographic representation and practice diversity. In addition, the Chair of the Science and Quality Council serves as ex-officio (non-voting) members of the committee.

Mission Statement
The Data Committee is instrumental in advancing AUA’s data agenda and collection strategy, and identifying and prioritizing data and research topics, initiatives and projects. In collaboration with AUA staff, the effectiveness and value of urologic procedures, interventions and practices will be researched and documented in order to improve the practice and profession of urology, patient outcomes and public health. These data and research efforts will help protect the specialty; provide a base for comparative effectiveness research; provide an avenue for certification; improve the quality of urologic care; assess the needs for educational objectives; and develop practice patterns for AUA members.

Committee Meetings
The committee meets twice per year; once in the Spring and once in the Fall at AUA Headquarters. There is email correspondence throughout the year.

Time Commitment
Chair: 8-12 hours a week/ approximately 520 hours per year
Member: 30-50 hours per year
Qualifications/ Responsibilities

Chair:

The Chair should have the ability to organize and motivate the committee towards common goals and work objectives, have a strong background in research and data collection, and be able to coordinate the activities of the committee in collaboration with AUA staff. The Chair will oversee the committee's work in collecting data for the AUA’s needs as determined by the Committee and shall direct the AUA Board towards an action plan when this research should be utilized to protect the practice and profession of urology. The Chair also needs to engage and work with other AUA committees and members to determine the data needs of the AUA and shall be in contact with outside organizations who have knowledge of this field.

Members:

Members are technically qualified experts who can positively impact professional community. Members should have health data and research experience and understand their clinical and public health significance.

Recent Accomplishments 2018

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the AQUA Registry as a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) for three years in a row for MIPS reporting.
- By the end of November 2018, data have been integrated into the AQUA Registry from approximately 4.4 million patients with 20 million encounter records.
- American Board of Urology approved to grant AQUA Registry participants at both Classic and Elite subscription levels with Improvement in Medical Practice (formerly MOC) credit for Life Long Learning.
- Five AUA Annual Census reports have been published since 2014, The State of Urology Workforce and Practice in the United States in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 and Practicing Urologists from the Globe. Additionally, numerous manuscripts and abstracts have been published/presented by AUA members using AUA Census data.