AUA Staff Liaison: Julia Gumminger, MA, MSEd

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 (2019)

- The **2019 Early Career Investigators Workshop** (ECIW), the 7th workshop since the event’s inauguration, was held at AUA HQ on October 3-5. The meeting registration fills annually. The 2019 meeting had 32 early-career investigators and 21 faculty and speakers, which is consistent with previous years. A $10,000 NIDDK grant and the UCF Wyland F. Leadbetter Fund supported the workshop, as in years past. A recent outcomes analysis showed that, for past workshop participants who have submitted their grant applications, over $9 million in research support has been awarded.


  - The **“StoneLab Scientific Symposium,”** co-sponsored with the Endourological Society, and with conceptual support from the R.O.C.K. Society and NIDDK, was held December 6-7 at AUA HQ. This was a novel, innovation-based, interdisciplinary meeting where premier kidney stone researchers, along with experts in nephrology, came together with experts in biomedical engineering, physics, chemistry, artificial intelligence, and medical device design and development. The event was sold-out, with approximately 155 attending including faculty, travel awardees, community participants, industry, and staff. A $10,000 NIDDK grant supported travel awards for early-career investigators and trainees. Forty-three applications were received from across the world and 21 awardees were selected, with one speaker and 20 poster presentations. International representation was high, with seven countries represented. In total, Industry support for the meeting totaled $42,500 in sponsorship from 12 companies.