AUA Staff Liaison            Patricia Banks, MS
Chair                      John Denstedt, MD (2019-2023)
Terms of Office            Duration of Section Secretary term

Committee Makeup
The Council shall consist of the AUA Secretary as Chair, eight Section Secretaries and Chairs of the SS/MC’s component committees, and one representative from Mexico, one from Canada and one from Central America. (AUA, Inc. Bylaws, May 2018). Terms of members are determined by their service at the Section level. Representatives from Mexico, Canada and Central America serve two-year terms (renewable once).

Mission Statement
The Section Secretaries/Membership Council shall evaluate the applications, benefits, needs and services for the various AUA membership categories in coordination with AUA’s Secretary and Member Services Department. The Council reviews and approves applications for all member categories. The Council also strives to improve communication between the AUA and its Sections for the benefit of members. (AUA, Inc. Bylaws, May 2015)

Component Committees/Members
The functions and activities of this Council shall be assigned to the component committees including but not limited to the Advanced Practice Nurses/Physician Assistants Membership Committee, History Committee, International Member Committee, Residents Committee and Young Urologists Committee. (AUA, Inc. Bylaws, May 2015)

Selection of Canadian, Central American & Mexican members: The leadership of SMU and the CMU will be asked to collectively propose a list of 3 Active AUA members who practice in Mexico to be sent to the AUA for its consideration and selection. AUCA leadership will be asked to propose a list of 3 Active AUA members who practice in the region to be sent to the AUA for its consideration and selection. These individuals will be vetted by the AUA South Central and South Central Sections. Likewise, the CUA will be asked to submit a list of 3 Active AUA members who practice in Canada to be sent to the AUA for its consideration and selection. These individuals will be vetted by the Western or Northeastern Sections. The members selected by the AUA will serve a two year term, renewable once.

Committee Meetings
The Section Secretaries/Membership Council meets once per year at the AUA Annual Meeting, once at AUA headquarters, with frequent email correspondence throughout the year.

Time Commitment
Chair: 5 hours per month
Member: 1-2 hours per month
Qualifications/ Responsibilities

Chair: The Chair is the current Secretary of the AUA (compensated position – see job description). The Chair will provide oversight and guidance for all other Section Secretaries and will facilitate development of communication plans between the AUA and the various Sections. The Chair will ensure communication of Bylaws and procedural changes and updates to each Section Secretary.

Members: Members must be the Secretary of their respective Sections, and other designated subcommittee Chairs. Members will ensure communication of Bylaws and procedural changes and updates to their respective Section Membership.

Recent Accomplishments 2020

- The procedure for processing Active and Associate Membership applications was updated to simplify the process and decrease the time between application and membership activation.
- Approved the William P. Didusch Center for Urologic History Committee Restructure to support the William P. Didusch Center for Urologic History Three-Year Strategic Plan.
- Approved the Advanced Practice Provider (APP) of the Year Award.
- The practice of posting a list of new members online was discontinued because of the low number of page visits to the site. The AUA provides a monthly list of new members to the AUA Section secretaries and administrators.