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Chair David F. Jarrard, MD

Terms of Office Chair: 2-year terms, non-renewable
Member: 3-year term (renewable once)

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 bimonthly or as deemed necessary by the Committee Chair, Research Council Chair and Director of Research, with the possibility of one in-person meeting per year typically at AUA Headquarters. The Chair of the Committee will also participate in all Research Council meetings.

Time Commitment

Chairs: 2-4 hours per week

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

Member: 1 hour per week (average)

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 and Staff Liaison to help develop a coordinated research education 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 (2020)

- The **2020 Early Career Investigators Workshop (ECIW)**, the 8th workshop since the event's inauguration, was entirely virtually for the first time in its history on October 8-10. The workshop registration fills annually. The 2019 meeting had a record-high 42 early-career investigators and 26 faculty and speakers, which was increased from previous years. A recent outcomes analysis showed that, for past workshop participants who have submitted their grant applications, over \$10 million in research support has been awarded.
- **Research Education Curricula:** A second research education online course, "Introduction to Big Data and 'Omics' Analysis in Urology," was launched in March 2020. A third course on "Establishing Your Independent Urology Research Lab," launched in early 2021 and will include: Negotiating Your Startup Package and Getting a Fast Start in Your New Job, Managing Your Lab to Success, Tricks of the Trade for Mentoring, and Translating Your Research into Clinical Impact.
- **Office of Research Scientific Symposia for AUA2021** planned by RECCC members: Urologic Oncology Research Symposium, "Personalizing Cancer Management: Are we improving with Genomics;" Basic Sciences Symposium, "Microbes and Inflammation in Urology;" and Challenges for Urologic Research Symposium, "Tracking Outcomes in Gender-affirming Surgery."
- **Co-sponsored Symposia:** Held in March 2020, the "**Advancing Bladder Preservation: Biomarkers, Decision-Making, and Therapy**" symposium, co-sponsored with the Johns Hopkins Greenberg Bladder Cancer Institute brought together stakeholders to examine, discuss, and identify opportunities to improve bladder preservation in men and women with a diagnosis of bladder cancer. The meeting resulted in a number of invited essays published in *Urologic Oncology*.