Section Secretaries
Membership Council

AUA Staff Liaison: Patricia Banks, MS

Chair: John Denstedt, MD (2019-2023)

Terms: Duration of Section Secretary term
Representatives from Mexico, Canada and Central America two-year (renewable once)

Committee Makeup
The Council shall consist of the AUA Secretary as Chair, eight Section Secretaries and Chairs of the SSMC’s component committees, and one representative from Mexico, one from Canada and one from Central America. (AUA, Inc. Bylaws, May 2018).

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 membership 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 for SMU and CMU submit nominees for Mexico, AUCA leadership submit nominees for Central American region and CUA submit nominees for Canada. When there is an opening, each association submits three nominees, individuals are vetted by their Section and AUA will selects one individual to serve as a voting member of the SSMC.

Committee Meetings
The Section Secretaries/Membership Council meets once per year in-person at the AUA Advocacy Summit in March and holds a fall conference call, 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 SSMC approved the Resident/Fellow to Associate Fast Track Status Proposal and Removal of Associate-in-Transition Category. This means that members who graduate from residency within AUA Section boundaries be automatically elevated to Associate Fast Track status. They will no longer have the option of remaining a resident/fellow member for three years unless they provide proof that they are currently in a fellowship.