



**AUA Staff Liaison** Dana Hamer, CAE

**Chair** John Denstedt, MD (2019-2023)

**Terms** Chair (Ex-Officio AUA Secretary): 4 years (non-renewable)  
Members (Ex-Officio Section Secretaries): duration of Section Secretary's term  
Mexico, Canada and Central America Representatives: 2 years (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 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 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 select 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 2021**

The SSMC was supported the following initiatives:

- Expansion of the 2023-2024 Leadership Class by one spot for each section. This spot would be voluntary for each Section and it would increase the total Leadership Class size from 20 to 28 participants.
- New initiative called the Global Resident's Leadership Retreat which will be held in 2023. The Global Resident's Leadership Retreat would be one day on front end of Annual Meeting and held every two years. This program would include 20 AUA members in the Residents/Fellow category and 20 members in the International Residents in Training category. The 20 participants from the Residents/Fellow category will be chosen by the Sections that want to participate.