AUA Staff Liaison
Dana Hamer, CAE

Chair
David F. Penson, MD (2023-2027)

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 2023)

Component Committees/Members
The functions and activities of this Council shall be assigned to the component committees including but not limited to the History Committee, International Member Committee, Residents Committee and Young Urologists Committee. (AUA, Inc. Bylaws, May 2023)

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.

The team leader of the Advanced Practice Providers Committee’s Membership & Engagement sub-committee serves as a liaison to the council.

Committee Meetings
The Section Secretaries/Membership Council meets virtually twice per year, once in the fall and once in the spring, 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 2022
The SSMC 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.

Consolidation of the APP related committees — APP Education Committee and the APP Membership Committee. The merging of the two which is designed to eliminate redundancies and improve collaboration across membership and education areas. A membership representative from the combined committee will continue to report into the SSMC.