

**Terms of Office**

Chair: 4 years (non-renewable)

Members and SAU Rep: 2 years (renewable once)

**Committee Makeup**

The Education Council shall consist of chairs of component committees, the Conflict of Interest Review Workgroup Chair and the Young Urologists Committee Chair with terms that coincide with their chair position. Additional members serve two-year terms, (renewable once) and include a representative from Society of Academic Urologists, a representative from the Research Council/Research Education Committee and five members selected by the Council Chair. The Secretary, *The Journal of Urology* Editor, Resident and Fellows Committee Chair and American Board of Urology Examination Committee Chair shall serve as non-voting consultants. The Chair of Education will be selected by the Board of Directors for a four-year term (non-renewable) and is automatically the Chair of the Education Council. The educational programs of AUAER shall be entrusted to the Education Council. The functions and activities of this Council shall be assigned to component committees including, but not limited to, the Advanced Practice Providers Committee, Core Curriculum Committee, Leadership and Business Education Committee, Medical Student Education Committee, New Technologies and Imaging Committee, Update Series Advisory Committee, and the Urologic Video Education Committee. (AUAER Bylaws, May 2023)

The ABU Examinations Chair is selected by the ABU with terms coinciding with the position held (two-year term rotating on a calendar year Jan-Dec).

**Vision/Mission/Purpose**

The Education Council recommends, reviews, evaluates, and critiques the overall scope and curricula of the AUA educational activities and makes recommendations to the AUA Board of Directors regarding those programs deemed worthy of support. The Education Council will ensure that the Office of Education provides education, both live and online, to cover the lifelong learning needs of our members.

**Reporting**

The Education Council reports to the AUA Board of Directors. The Education Chair reports to the board at the fall board meeting and may present action items at the other board meetings as needed.

**Committee Meetings**

Educational Council (EC) members are required to participate in formal EC teleconferences approximately three times per year, two 1.5 hour weekday evening virtual meetings and one 3 hour weekend virtual meeting in March/April. Members also participate on various Education Council sub-committees to help drive the educational format and course offerings for our membership. The total commitment should involve approximately 2 hours per month for document preparation and teleconferences.

**Time Commitment**

Chair: 20 hours per week

Members: 24 hours annually



## Responsibilities

**Chair:** The Chair is a compensated position (see contract).

**Members:** Members should be collegial, vibrant, deadline dependable, efficient, knowledgeable about various types of educational products, willing to prioritize meetings and conference calls, and serve on a sub-committee to promptly produce a requested project. Committee members assist in the recommendation, review and evaluation of the overall scope and curricula of AUA educational activities.

Five members form the Life-Long Learning (LLL) Workgroup, which: 1) ensures the Office of Education provides remedial CME activities to support all areas for improvement identified by the ABU examination and 2) supports the ABU's Continuing Urologic Certification (CUC) by suggesting and reviewing new articles and reviewing and editing Knowledge Assessment questions.

## Education Document/Content Responsibilities

The Education Council is responsible for reviewing and providing recommendations for the:

- Annual Review of the CME Mission Statement (May 2024)
- On-going Educational Needs Assessment Surveys

## Compliance

Positions are open to AUA members in good standing. All new members are required to agree to abide by [AUA's Civility Policy](#) when they accept their appointment and agree to annually complete a COI Disclosure Form in accordance with [AUA's COI Disclosure Policy](#). The AUA reserves the right to suspend or remove a member from participation in any AUA activity while the individual is under investigation for a violation of AUA's policies.

## Criteria for Selecting New Members

- Expertise in one of the areas:
  - Oncology, Urinary Diversion and Adrenal
  - Calculus, Lap-Robotics and Upper Track Obstruction
  - Impotence, Infertility, and Andrology
  - Neurogenic Bladder, Voiding Dysfunction, Female Urology, BPH and Urethral Stricture
  - Office Based Urology
- Knowledgeable and able to evaluate of the overall scope and curricula of various AUA educational products or activities.
- So that the AUA is in compliance with ACCME Standards, Members of Office of Education committees are not permitted to have financial relationships with ineligible companies (formerly commercial interests) that the ACCME would deem to be that of an owner or employee. Owners are defined as individuals who have an ownership interest in a company, except for stockholders of publicly traded companies, or holders of shares through a pension or mutual fund. Employees are defined as individuals hired to work for another person or business (the employer) for compensation and who are subject to the employer's direction as to the details of how to perform the job.



## **Criteria for Selecting Next Chair**

Openings for Education Chair are announced every four years at the webpage [AUAnet.org/EducationChair](http://AUAnet.org/EducationChair). A job description highlighting the qualifications is posted on that site. The next search will begin fall of 2027. The Education Chair is selected by a Board Search Committee.

## **Recent Accomplishments - 2024**

Lifelong Learning Members assisted AUA Staff with:

- Identifying a listing of AUA educational activities for the ABU to utilize in supporting the CME to address knowledge gaps identified through the LLL Exam
- Identifying articles and reviewing assessment questions for the ABU's Continuing Urologic Certification (CUC) Knowledge Exposure activities .