



AUA Staff Liaison	Stephanie Makar
Chair	Timothy Brand, MD
Terms of Office	Chair: 2 years renewable once. Effective 2025 chair term will be 3 years (non-renewable), Members: 3 years (renewable once)

Committee Makeup

Members appointed based on expertise. Consists of approximately 12-14 members that specialize in one more of the following areas: robotic surgery, laparoscopic surgery, new technologies, or urologic imaging. Members are divided into teams into six teams representing: 1) urologic imaging, 2) BPH and endourology, 3) laparoscopic and robotic surgery, 4) simulation and training, 5) oncology, 6) voiding dysfunction. Each group has one team leader and up to two additional members. Members of the Society of Urologic Surgeons are solicited when there are openings in the laparoscopic and robotic surgery team.

Vision/Mission/Purpose

The Committee's educational mission is to evaluate, analyze and disseminate laparoendoscopic, robotic, new technologies (diagnostic and therapeutic), and image-based urologic practice and skills efficiently to the urological community. Relevant aspects of surgical simulation and skills assessment will be evaluated and utilized in this process whenever possible.

Committee Meetings

Members are required to participate in approximately two 1.5 hour weekday evening virtual meetings, and one 2-3 hour weekend virtual meeting in March/April. Members may also participate on various Education Council sub-committees if requested, to help drive the educational format and course offerings for AUA membership.

Time Commitment

Chair: 30 hours annually

Member: 20 hours annually

Responsibilities

Chair: The Chair will oversee the work of the committee in preparation of the annual program. In addition, time will be spent on a variety of activities throughout the year to address the educational needs of the AUA membership with regard to laparoscopic surgery, robotic surgery, new technologies, and urologic imaging; and to assess the training in both the community and in residency programs. The Chair is a member of the Education Council.

Members: Members will contribute to the work of the committee in preparation of the annual program. In addition, time will be spent on a variety of activities throughout the year to address the educational needs of the AUA membership with regard to laparoscopic surgery, robotic surgery, new technologies, and urologic imaging; and to assess the training in both the community and in residency programs.



Criteria for Selecting New Members

- Extensive experience in one or more of the following areas: laparoscopic surgery, robotic surgery, new technologies, and/or urologic imaging
- Teaching experience in minimally invasive surgery, imaging-based and/or new technology courses

Criteria for Selecting Next Chair

The Chair should be a nationally recognized accomplished urologist with expertise in the areas of laparoscopic surgery, robotic surgery, new technologies, and/or urologic imaging, who has clinical credibility, and has been involved in teaching to the urological community. Chairs are chosen from current or past committee members and are selected by the Education Chair.

Education Document/Content Responsibilities

The committee is responsible for reviewing assisting in the development of needs assessment surveys and for providing input on annual meeting technology courses.

Recent Accomplishments - 2023

- Evaluated the AUA2024 technology courses.
- Provided expertise on the adoption of new urologic technologies.