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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 2023).

Vision/Mission/Purpose

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)

Reporting

The Section Secretaries Membership Council reports to the AUA Board of Directors. The Secretary reports to the board three times a year at the regularly scheduled board meetings.

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 select 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



Responsibilities

Chair: 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 will ensure communication of Bylaws and procedural changes and updates to their respective Section Membership.

Criteria for Selecting New Members

Members must be the Secretary of their respective Sections. International representatives are appointed by the urologic society for their country.

Criteria for Selecting Next Chair

Openings for Secretary are announced every four years at the webpage AUAnet.org/Secretary. A job description highlighting the qualifications is posted on that site. The next search will begin summer of 2025. The Secretary is selected by a Board Search Committee and approved by the membership at the Annual Business Meeting.

Recent Accomplishments 2023

The SSMC supported the following initiatives:

- Expansion of the 2023-2024 Leadership Class by one spot for each Section, expanding the class size from 20 to 28 participants.
- Supporting the launch of the Global Residents Leadership Retreat, sending resident representatives to participate in this-one day program designed to nurture and develop future leaders in urology.
- Approving the formation of the Medical Student Membership Workgroup which will launch in 2024 and help identify the needs of medical student members and also support AUA's efforts to create greater diversity within the specialty.