AAPM LEADERSHIP & STRUCTURE

VOLUNTEERING WITH THE AAPM: WHY DO IT AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED.

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Vision:
- Improving health through medical physics

Mission:
- Advancing medicine through excellence in the science, education and professional practice of medical physics
STRATEGIC GOALS

Innovation: Drive scientific and clinical innovation in medical physics to improve human health.

Patient Care: Ensure high quality patient care.

Education: Cultivate excellence in medical physics education.

Leadership: Promote leadership role of the organization and its members.

Communication: Improve communication internally and externally.

Diversity and Inclusion: Champion equity, diversity, and inclusion in medical physics.

Membership: Enhance the value of AAPM membership experience and services.

Organizational Management: Practice stewardship in continuous assessment of programs and services.

AAPM

- 8823 Members (average age: 48)
- 5984 Full Members (average age: 48)
- 1402 Member Volunteers
- 533 Non-Member Volunteers
- 23% of eligible members volunteer!
- 30 headquarters staff

AAPM COMMITTEES

- “Groups” (council/comm/subcomm/WG/TG)
  - Administrative Council: 60 Committees
  - Educational Council: 35 Committees
  - Professional Council: 43 Committees
  - Science Council: 175 Committees
  - Board of Directors: 16 Committees
NAVIGATING THE AAPM WEBSITE

- My AAPM
  - https://w3.aapm.org/my_aapm/index.php
- Committee structure
  - https://www.aapm.org/org/structure/default.asp?committee_code=BRD
- Committee tools
  - https://www.aapm.org/org/structure/committee_code=SC
- Committee classifieds
  - https://www.aapm.org/aapm_advertising/committee_classifieds/
Rules require annual (calendar year) COI disclosure by all AAPM volunteers. Lack of annual COI by January 31 results in volunteer being dropped from all committees.

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Complete and up-to-date, incomplete conflict of interest statement.
HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Reach Out
Show Up
Speak Up
Follow Up
Show Enthusiasm
Volunteer
Work Hard
Deliver

REACH OUT

- First, do your homework
  - Navigate the AAPM org chart up & down
  - Read the charges and past minutes
  - Look at Reports/Resources from various groups
  - Look at the membership
- Then, reach out
  - Do you know someone on group of interest? Call them!
  - Does a mentor, boss, coworker or friend know anyone?
    Have them write a letter of introduction
  - Send an email to the chair and vice-chair or to the chair
    and vice-chair of the parent group
  - They won’t know you, your interests or your expertise
    if you don’t tell them

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PRESIDENT ELECT’S REPORT

How to Volunteer — Involved — in AAPM

By Dr. Wendell B. Elkins, President-elect

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NOTICE: AAPM offers opt-out provisions in connection with
volunteerism and professional management.

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SHOW UP, SPEAK UP, FOLLOW UP, SHOW ENTHUSIASM, VOLUNTEER

- Plan meeting travel to attend committee meetings
  - Any AAPM member may attend any meeting of the Board, any council, any committee except the Executive Committee, any subcommittee, any working group or any task group, except for executive sessions.
  - Sit at side until meeting starts, then move to main table
  - Introduce yourself with confidence and state your interest in the work of the committee
  - Take notes, ask questions, volunteer if opportunity presents
  - Follow up with a meaningful thank you to the chair
  - Look up the minutes later, attend again (and again)

MENTORSHIP VS SPONSORSHIP

- Mentors serve as advisors, helping mentees shape their ambitions and plans.
  - Provide advice, wisdom, sounding board.
- Sponsors take direct role in advancing their protégés.
  - Advocate for them. Use their connections to advance their protégés through endorsement and guidance.
- AAPM “mentorship” programs
  - Science Council Associates Mentorship Program
  - Early Career Investigator in Imaging Travel Award
  - Professional council (coming soon)
- If you’ve been out of training > 10 years, you should be mentoring and sponsoring our next generation

WORK HARD AND DELIVER

- When at bat, hit a home run!
- Leaders want people they can count on
- Exceed expectations
  - Commit to a date, and be early
  - Commit to an action, do two (or more)
- Present your best work
  - Polish your presentation, graphics, text
  - Have senior colleagues proof-read and provide feedback
  - Get it right the first time, but if you make a mistake, own it and fix it (fast)
AAPM is responsible for innumerable contributions to our field. There is always a LOT going on.

Get to know the AAPM
- Explore the web site, reach out to others
- Participate locally and nationally
- Read the newsletter, make comments (we read them!)

What scientific, professional or educational activities are you passionate about?
- Find those groups, contact their leaders/members or find a sponsor to put you in touch with someone
- Show up, speak up and follow up
- Chairpersons gravitate to those who get work done!

The AAPM is all of us, and what we do together moves our profession forward!

AAPM’S 2019 PRESIDENT’S SYMPOSIUM
BUILDING BRIDGES

IS EVERYONE AT YOUR TABLE?
Cynthia McCollough

THE POWER OF A MULTI-GENERATIONAL TEAM
Amy Lynch

THANK YOU