Student Seminars: How to Make Your Mark on the Association

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021
2:00-3:00 PM EASTERN TIME
Goals for today

• Discussion on how we became involved in the committee and how it has benefited them.

• The process for applying for a committee position and the committees that have spots specifically for students.

“Speakers have no financial interests to disclose. All speakers are members of the Ambassador Committee for AAA.”
Student Perspective - Andrew Cale

• History with AAA
  • Graduate student member since 2017
  • Attended Annual Meetings 2018-2021
  • Ambassador committee member since 2019
  • Member of Social Media and Events subcommittees
Why Join a Committee (as a student)?

I volunteered for the Ambassador Committee to:

• Stay involved with the anatomy community after graduation
• Develop myself professionally before applying to Ph.D. programs
• Contribute to the organization that supported me previously
• Step out of my comfort zone
Expand Your Network!

• You’ll have to opportunity to work with TONS of people from outside your institution.

• Meet new colleagues, mentors, and collaborators and develop your professional reputation

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Develop Yourself Professionally!

Volunteering on a committee can help you develop skills in:

- Collaboration
- Project Management
- Leadership
- and MANY more!

Many opportunities for mentorship!
Tons of Opportunities!

• As a volunteer committee member, you’re often presented with a variety of opportunities:
  • Project collaborations
  • Conferences
  • Speaking opportunities
  • and more!
Junior faculty and International Perspective - *Izuchukwu Okafor*

History with AAA

- Graduate student member in 2019
- AAA Education grant awardee 2019
- Attended Annual Meetings 2020-21
- Ambassador Committee member in 2021
  - Member of Social media and Support Subcommittees
- AAA Short-Term Visiting Scholarship Awardee 2021
How I knew about AAA

- Searching for learning/teaching resources (VMD, AER etc)
- In search of PhD opportunities (career portal)
Why I joined AAA/benefits

- High Diversity and Inclusion
- Resources for students and early career anatomists
- To assess more opportunities for professional development
- Networking/collaboration
- Publication in renowned anatomical journals
- To be a global player in anatomical science research and education
- International reputation
Serving in AAA Ambassador committee

• Motivated by the Volunteer-leadership model of AAA

• International and young anatomist perspective

• Serving and Learning

*Your little ideas and initiatives can impact your community* - Okafor, IA
Senior Faculty Perspective-Dr. Kristjan Thompson

• History with AAA
  • Student involvement
    • Graduate student member from 2005-2009
• Faculty involvement
  • Regular member since 2010
  • Changed positions/university in 2013
  • Applied for volunteer opportunities beginning in 2013
    • Selected in 2015 for 2016 start
• Committee member for Membership committee (became Ambassador Committee)
  • Regular member for 3 years, 1 year Vice-chair, 2 years Chair
Promotion and Tenure Requirements

- Teaching
- Scholarship
- Administration
- Institutional and Academic-related Service
- Reputation
# Promotion and Tenure Requirements

**Assistant to Associate Professor**
- Contributing member of local or regional professional society or scholarly organization
- Serves as officer in state or local professional society
- Serves as an ad hoc journal reviewer or ad hoc member of review committees or study sections

**Associate to Full Professor**
- Leadership role by serving as officer or major committee member/chair in regional or national professional society or scholarly organization
- Serves on national scientific advisory boards or study sections
- Regular or ad hoc member of a national research or clinical review committee, or a taskforce
- Editorial board of professional or scientific journals
- Leadership role in regional/national/international professional societies, research or educational meetings

*These requirements are specific to Mercer University School of Medicine*
Promotion and Tenure Requirements

- Reputation
  - Reputation as a scholar

- Citation by other faculty in the field in published papers (can be determined with Citation Index)
- Published reviews by other faculty in the field, especially the leaders, of papers/books
- Awards for outstanding accomplishments in scholarship
- Invited referee of manuscripts for journals in area of expertise
- Invited referee of proposals for meetings of national associations
- Review of grant applications for local, state, national, and governmental agencies
- Appointment to national committees to review research proposals or results
- Leadership roles in state, regional, national or international research societies or meetings
- Participation on editorial boards and/or as editor

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I wasn’t chosen for a committee, is there anything else I can do??

• Micro-volunteering opportunities
  • Micro-Volunteers fill short-term projects, this could include: member surveys, task forces, reviewing small projects or applications
    • AAA Staff reach out for various small projects throughout the year
  • Please contact Kelly Cox (Engagement Manager) at kcox@anatomy.org for more information or details