

## Physiology 2023 Content Governance Overview

Two programming governance groups will be established to determine the scientific content of the American Physiological Society (APS) annual meeting: the Annual Meeting Leadership Committee (AMLC) and the Program Working Group (PWG).

### ANNUAL MEETING LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

The AMLC is a strategic group that broadly directs the overall content of the annual meeting and works closely with the PWG.

#### Charge

The AMLC will work with the PWG to define high-level programming themes to broadly organize the meeting content. The AMLC will select the invited speakers and moderators for general sessions and game changer sessions. The AMLC should construct session topics of broad interest. Programming should consider effectiveness of virtual versus in-person presentations. Session content ideas should be solicited from:

- AMLC members,
- PWG members,
- APS journals' editorial board members,
- APS committee members, and
- members at large.

The online submission format is designed to facilitate broad participation. Speaker and moderator selection should apply diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) principles to consider career stage, race, color and gender. The AMLC should evaluate the success of session content and structure from the previous annual meeting to guide the development of an engaging meeting with high quality scientific content that broadly serves APS members.

#### AMLC Composition

- APS President-elect (Chair)
- APS President
- Presidential-appointed eight at-large members (two-year term)
  - four members in their first year appointed by current APS President
  - four members in their second year appointed by past APS President
- Six members appointed from Section Advisory Committee (SAC) to balance representation across fields (two-year term)
  - three in their first year
  - three in their second year
- Chair of the PWG (three-year term)
- At-large member appointed by the editors of the APS journal *Function*

### First-year AMLC Composition

- APS President-elect (Chair)
- APS President
- APS Past President will appoint four at-large members (one-year term)
- APS President will appoint four at large members (two-year term)
- SAC will appoint six members
  - three with a one-year term
  - three with a two-year term
- Chair of the PWG Group (current JPC chair)
- The editor-in-chief of *Function*

### DEI Guiding Principles

Committee members should include established investigators who are APS members. Representation should balance expertise across APS sections and consider career stage, race, color and gender. The *Function*-appointed member is not required to be an APS member, although it is preferred. Member appointments should consider international members.

### PROGRAM WORKING GROUP

The PWG strategic group that directs the development of *member-submitted* scientific programming. The PWG represents APS sections and interest groups with committee members holding three-year terms.

### Charge

The PWG will work with the AMLC to define high-level programming themes to broadly organize the meeting content. The PWG will identify cross sectional tracks/themes that will be used to guide the session submission process. The PWG will program cross sectional/thematic and sectional sessions for the concurrent scientific sessions and poster sessions, as well as late breaking and emerging content. Session content ideas should be solicited from PWG committee members, APS sections, APS interest groups, APS journals, APS committees and members at large, with an online submission format to facilitate broad participation. Programming should consider effectiveness of virtual versus in-person presentations. The PWG should evaluate the success of content and session structure from the previous annual meeting to guide the development of an engaging annual meeting with high quality scientific content that broadly serves APS members.

### PWG Composition

- PWG chair (selected by the APS executive cabinet)
- Each of the APS sections will designate one committee member, with additional ad hoc, nonvoting members as required
- Each of the APS interest groups will designate one committee member
- Ex officio members without vote:
  - SAC chair
  - APS Chief Science Officer

### **First-year PWG Composition**

- Current JPC chair takes over as PWG chair
- Section and interest group members of the current JPC, with their staggered terms
- Ex officio members without vote:
  - SAC chair
  - APS Chief Science Officer

### **PWG Programming Guidelines**

- PWG members will vote to select cross sectional/thematic sessions. This content should constitute approximately 50% of the programmed sessions.
- Section-oriented content should constitute approximately 50% of the programmed sessions.
- Abstract submission will collect information on gender, race and career status on a voluntary basis for consideration of DEI principles for programming.
- All abstracts will be scored by inclusive committees.
- Programming should reward the highest scoring abstracts.
- All abstracts will have an opportunity to be presented.
- Abstract presenters will be given the choice of virtual versus in-person presentation.
- Late breaking content should be limited to new and exciting discoveries.
- The PWG should consider innovative programming ideas to integrate virtual and in-person content.

### **DEI Guiding Principles**

Committee members and abstract graders should include both established and early-career APS members, considering race, color and gender. Speaker and moderator selection should apply DEI principles to consider career stage, race, color and gender.