



The Society of Directors of  
Academic Medical Physics Programs

# **Annual Business Meeting and President's Report 2023-2024**

Manuel Arreola (President)

Anna Rodrigues (President-Elect)

Kristi Hendrickson (Chair of the Board)



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# Business Meeting Agenda

## Highlights of AY 2023-24

- Board Highlights Report
- Committee Reports

## Cooperative Activities

- AAPM
- CAMPEP
- ABR

## Planned Activities for AY 2024-25

# Highlights of Board Activities

- **Accomplishments**

- CAMPEP/ABR/AAPM/SDAMPP Summit meetings to share knowledge of activities and issues in med phys education landscape

- Approved 3 strategic priorities for 2024

- Lean into CAMPEP to address PD's concerns
    - Unknown workforce needs
    - Uplift the education leadership role (education research publishing, etc.)

- **Current Status**

- Open elections for officers and at-large board members

- **Future Activities and Plans**

- Continue innovating in response to program director needs
  - Build advocacy for med phys educators
  - Mentor committee activities and initiatives to fulfill the work and mission of SDAMPP

# Annual Meeting Committee

Roster: Anna Rodrigues (Chair), Manuel Arreola, Kristi Hendrickson,  
Irina Vergalasova, Tony Doemer, Jay Burmeister

## 2024 SDAMPP Annual Meeting

### SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PATHWAY FOR MEDICAL PHYSICISTS

Join us for an engaging keynote speech and  
panel discussion by the following speakers  
followed by the Annual Business Meeting



Larry Gruppen, PhD  
University of Michigan

**Keynote Speaker**



Abby Besemer, PhD  
University of Wisconsin



Ashley Cetnar, PhD  
The Ohio State University



Jessica Nute, PhD  
UT Health San Antonio



Leah Schubert, PhD  
University of Colorado

July 20th, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Room 403

**BREAKFAST & LUNCH INCLUDED**



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# Awards and Honors Committee

Roster: Jay Burmeister (Chair), Kristi Hendrickson, Manuel Arreola,  
Anna Rodrigues, Irina Vergalasova, Tony Doemer

# Highlights of A & H Committee 2023-2024

- **Accomplishments**

- Reviewed nomination and endorsed one SDAMPP member for Lifetime Achievement Award

- **Goals**

- Increase awareness of SDAMPP awards in an effort to recognize additional deserving members



# Communications Committee

Roster: Ramesh Boggula(chair), Anthony Doemer (vice-chair)



# Highlights of Communications Committee, AY 2023-2024

- **Accomplishments**

- Continually monitored and updated SDAMPP website highlighting the important information that needs to be distributed to the society.
- Published case reports and useful information for membership in collaboration with MPLA subcommittee
- Created a 'newsletter' feature that will go live on SDAMPP website to facilitate quicker communications to the membership
- Created new LinkedIn account for SDAMPP to grow our pathways for reaching out to membership

# Highlights of Communications Committee, AY 2023-2024

- **Current Status**

- Ramesh Boggula has moved from the vice-chair role to the chair role, Anthony Doemer has moved from the chair role to the vice-chair role.
- Interested in adding motivated individuals to help expand communications using new presence on platforms such as Twitter.

- **Future Activities and Plans**

- Publish an educational resources page for the Professional Issues Committee on Quality and Safety topics for educators and trainees.

# Education Practices Committee

Roster: Leah Schubert (Chair), Ashley Cetnar (Vice Chair), Manuel Arreola, Abby Besemer, Steven Biegalski, Courtney Buckley, Jay Burmeister, Lindsay DeWeese, Jessica Fagerstrom, Shannon O'Reilly, Anna Rodrigues, Mike Speidel, Steven Sutlief, Lydia Wilson, Amy Yu

Resident/Student Guests: Victoria Bry, Hana Baroudi

# Highlights of Education Practices Committee, AY 2023-2024

- **Medical Physics Education Research Subcommittee (chaired by Ashley Cetnar):** Focused on facilitating educational research in medical physics. Leading a multi-institutional trial to develop concept inventories for medical physics educators to use in their programs. Hosted webinar, published review article, and presented at educational conferences.
- **Coordination of Graduate, Certificate and Residency Programs (chaired by Mike Speidel):** Focused on facilitating the exchange of information between graduate, certificate, and residency programs. Currently creating a short survey to assessing general preparedness of incoming residents and identifying training needs.
- **Education Practice Improvement Subcommittee (chaired by Abby Besemer):** Focused on improving various aspects of educational practices. Hosted multiple coffee breaks and webinars, published AAPM newsletter articles, and currently creating a survey to assessing pathways to program director leadership.

# Highlights of Education Practices Committee, AY 2023-2024

- **Current Status**

- Active and welcoming new members

- **Future Activities and Plans**

- Look out for the next phase of the radiological physics concept inventory – contact us if you're interested in using this new tool in your program!
- Look out for the survey on desired and actual levels of trainee preparation – help us identify training needs from the perspectives of residency program directors!
- Look out for the survey on pathways to program director leadership – help us generate valuable information on this little-studied pathway!

# Executive Committee

Roster: Manuel Arreola (Chair), Kristi Hendrickson (Vice Chair), Anna Rodrigues, Irina Vergalasova, Tony Doemer, Jay Burmeister

# Highlights of Executive Committee 2023-2024

- **Accomplishments**

- Obtained approval from SDAMPP Board to give permanent status to ad hoc Surveys Committee
- Obtained approval from SDAMPP Board to four new Committee chairs (Burmeister, Bogulla, Hendrickson one TBA) to replace those outgoing (Newhauser, Doemer, Armato, -THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP!
- Obtained Board approval to hold First Annual Meeting of CAMPEP and SDAMPP Boards

- **Goals**

- To investigate the possibility to establish a similar annual meeting with AAPM EC leadership
- To create an ad hoc committee to work jointly with CAMPEP and ABR to obtain, sort and analyze ABR Exam pass/fail information which can be used by PDs



# Highlights of SDAMPP/CAMPEP Boards Meeting, June 2024

- Main goal of the meeting was to improve communications between CAMPEP and SDAMPP
- Boards agreed to make this an annual event to be held online every June following the June meeting of the CAMPEP Board
- CAMPEP Board agreed to consider (and where applicable set dates) for the following:
  - Use the Annual CAMPEP/SDAMPP Boards meeting for CAMPEP to present major initiatives/changes for SDAMPP to help with disseminating information
  - CAMPEP to host an SDAMPP Coffee Break as a follow up to the Annual CAMPEP Breakfast at the AAPM meeting

# Highlights of SDAMPP/CAMPEP Boards Meeting, June 2024

- SDAMPP to host an open-to-all-PDs (members or not) SDAMPP Webinar to present major changes in processes, standards, website, online apps, etc.)
- Work with SDAMPP and ABR liaison on how to obtain, sort and analyze ABR Exam results information from ABR database/files to generate useful information for graduate and residency programs to evaluate their effectiveness
- Use SDAMPP vehicles of communication to disseminate information

# Finance Committee

Roster: Anthony Doemer (chair), Michael Dingfelder (Vice Chair), Irina Vergalasova

# Treasurer's Report, AY 2023-2024

- On December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 the society had a balance of \$54,775.94
- On December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 the society had a balance of \$60,295.87
- On December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 the society had a balance of \$64,181.90
- 2024 Proposed Budget Shown

Society of Directors of Academic Medical Physics Programs	
Proposed Budget for 2024	
Overview	
Income	\$30,000 (\$25,000 in dues, \$5,000 from AM registration)
Expenses	\$33,700
Deficit	\$(3,700)
Details	
Income is anticipated from registration fees for the in-person annual meeting and the dues that are paid by our members. In 2024 we expect to a flat number of members to be conservative. We expect the annual meeting to have a \$50 fee and have the same number of attendees (sells out at 100 spots).	
Dues	\$25,000
Annual Meeting registration	\$5,000
Total Anticipated Income	\$30,000
Our anticipated expenses are more numerous. They are based upon holding the annual meeting in person. Please note that AAPM 'holds' our annual meeting registration fees and deducts that from the invoiced cost of the event. Different venues can have different total costs for the meeting and has varied widely over last few years. Total cost of running the event is included here for everyone's awareness.	
AAPM Administration	\$16,000
Awards and Honors	\$1,500
Legal Fees/representation	\$650
Online Payment Fees	\$1,100
Annual Meeting	\$14,000
Total Anticipated Expenses	\$33,700

# Treasurer's Report, AY 2023-2024

Treasurer's Report  
SDAMPP Board of Directors Meeting  
July 2024

Society of Directors of Academic Medical Physics Programs  
Accounts Year to Date 2024 (1 January 2024 – 2 July 2024)

- Most recent monthly report shown as we move through dues season

Assets on 1 January 2024 \$64,181.90

**Income (through 2 July 2024)**

Annual Meeting/Dues	\$ 23,025.00
	\$ 23,025.00

**Expenses (through 2 July 2024)**

AAPM Administrative Fee	\$ 12,600.00
TD Bank CC fee*	\$ 648.81
Awards & Honors	\$ 0.00
Representation Fee	\$ 0.00
Annual Meeting Costs	\$ 0.00
DC Registration (Biennial)	\$80.00
	\$ 13,328.81

**Surplus (Deficit)** \$ 9,696.19

Assets on 2 July 2024 \$ 73,878.09

\*Note that the credit card processing fee is a month behind because we do not find out about it until I receive the bank statement, which is usually during the second week of the following month.

Anthony Doemer

SDAMPP Treasurer

# Membership Committee

Roster: Lydia Wilson (Chair), Sam Armato (Vice Chair), Katelyn Hasse, David Jordan, Stephanie Leon, Phil Taddei, Bud Wendt

# Highlights of Membership Committee, AY 2023-2024

- **Accomplishments**

- 37 new members (35 Regular, 1 Associate, 1 Emeritus)
- 35 new programs represented

- **Current Status**

- 200 members (180 Regular, 3 Emeritus, 16 Associate), 119 programs represented

- **Future Activities and Plans**

- Developing materials and infrastructure to streamline connecting with newly accredited programs
- Updating membership page on the website to make information more accessible and clearer



# Nominating Committee

Roster: Kristi Hendrickson (Chair), James Robar (Vice-chair), Janet Ching-Mei Feng, Michael Dingfelder, Beth Schueler

# Highlights of Nominating Committee, AY 2024

- **Work in progress**

- Preparing the slate of candidates for 2024 election:
  - President-Elect
  - Treasurer
  - 3 At-Large Board members (1 graduate, 2 residency) (to fill seats with terms expiring 12/31/24)

- **Current Status**

- SDAMPP needs **you** to step up and volunteer for the open leadership positions!

- **Future Activities and Plans**

- Prepare slate of candidates annually (next in 2025).

# Outreach Committee

Roster: Janet Ching-Mei Feng (chair), David Pearson (vice chair), Leah Schubert, Joel St-Aubin, Shannon O'Reilly, Yixiang Liao, Lawrence Rothenberg, David Gierga, Slavik Tabakov, Nate Davis, Elizabeth Hipp

# Highlights of Outreach Committee, AY 2023-2024

- **Accomplishments**

- 1 webinar and 14 coffee breaks
- Establish the relationship between SDAMPP and AROPA (Association of Radiation Oncology Program Administrators). And welcome the program administrators to become associate members of the SDAMPP.

- **Current Status**

- Fully staffed and functioning (but always recruiting!)

- **Future Activities and Plans**

- Planning for next year's webinars – email ideas to [outreach.committee@sdampp.org](mailto:outreach.committee@sdampp.org)
- Submit your coffee break ideas to <https://aapm.questionpro.com/a/TakeSurvey?tt=qAhqMhpEc%2Bo%3D>



# Professional Issues Committee

Roster: Irina Vergalasova (chair), Dandan Zheng (vice chair), Janet Ching-Mei Feng, Rajat Kudchadker, Christopher Watchman, Lynn Rill, Christine Swanson

# Highlights of PIC, AY 2023-2024

- **Accomplishments:**

- Maintained residency program interview calendar during 2023-24 season
- Organized two coffee breaks: “*CAMPEP Residency Program Review Process - Expectations, Challenges and Q&A*” and “*Introducing AROPA*” in April 2024
- Publication on “how to deal with problem residents” ready for journal submission
- Finalized and distributed survey on professionalism skill training during residency; manuscript almost completed
- Reached out to AAPM STSC to solicit feedback on professional issues from student/resident perspective
- Added new member, Christine Swanson!

# Goals of PIC, AY 2024-2025

- **Future Goals:**
  - Continue to maintain residency program interview calendar
  - Follow-up with Joe Dise regarding program director survey regarding question improvement on MP-RAP (e.g. visa status, ABR eligibility)
  - Host webinar discussion on “how to provide brutal feedback without being brutal” to SDAMPP – connect with Jennifer Johnson as a potential speaker
  - Potentially introduce student/trainee as guest member on committee
  - Host coffee break on topic of physics workforce shortage
  - Host Q&A session for residency candidates before the next application/interview season
    - Perhaps with PDs & Joe Dise from MP-RAP



# Surveys Committee Report

Roster: Yulia Lyatskaya (Chair), Courtney Buckey (Vice-Chair),  
Katelyn Hasse, Kristofer Kainz, and Dee Wu

# Highlights of Surveys Committee, AY 2023-2024

- **Accomplishments**

- Created a database of current SDAMPP surveys, available through committee website
- Facilitated better access to the resources for good survey design for SDAMPP members through links on committee website
- Developed an automated process for survey submission to collect information for proposed educational surveys
- Reviewed CAMPEP annual survey for graduate programs and proposed modifications

**Information regarding surveys:**

- List of Existing Surveys related to Medical Physics Education conducted by SDAMPP and other Medical Physics Education Organizations (CAMPEP, AAPM, ABR)
  - [Click Here](#)
- Survey Preparation Tools
  - [Click Here](#)
- New Survey Submission:
  - Use Google form [here](#)

<https://www.sdampp.org/committee/>

# Highlights of Surveys Committee, AY 2023-2024

- **Current Status**

- Fully staffed and functioning

- **Future Activities and Plans**

- Facilitate better access to the results of the surveys for SDAMPP members
- Publish recommendations for best practices in survey design and dissemination for medical physics education

- *If you would like to participate, please contact any of us!*

# SDAMPP Liaisons

SDAMPP		
Manuel Arreola	Joann Prisciandaro	AAPM
Kristi Hendrickson	Beth Schueler	CAMPEP
Anna Rodrigues	Geoff Ibbott	ABR

# Highlights of SDAMPP Liaison Interactions AY 2023-2024

- **Accomplishments**

- SDAMPP attendance at AAPM Ed Council meetings
- AAPM, ABR, CAMPEP attendance at SDAMPP board meetings

- **Current Status**

- Fully staffed and functioning.

- **Future Activities and Plans**

- Continue efforts and activities

# Highlights of Planned Activities for AY 2024-2025

Presented by: Anna Rodrigues (President-Elect)

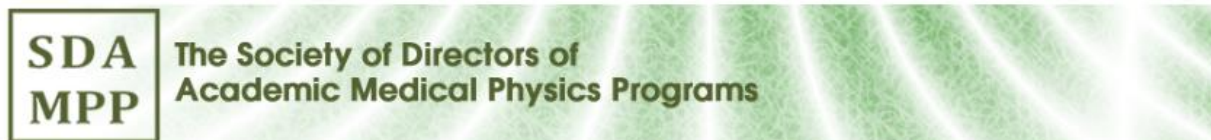
# Highlights of Planned Activities, AY 2024-2025

- **Future Goals:**

- Increase communication channels from SDAMPP to its membership (and vice versa)
- Increase membership and foster an active and engaged membership
- Continue and strengthen role of liasonships and summit meetings with AAPM, ABR, CAMPEP
- Provide members with actionable materials (publications, reports, surveys, research) to improve and innovate their educational programs

- **2024 Strategic Priorities:**

- Work with CAMPEP to foster periodic conversations with PDs
- Uplift the education leadership role
- Address workforce needs and alignment with training slots





# Thank you!