

North America Continental Society

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2023 marked the second year since the organization of SIOP North America (SIOP-NA). The subcommittees are recruiting members, developing terms of reference, and have launched the first SIOP-NA- sponsored activities. Highlights from the year include:

Advocacy Committee: The Advocacy Committee (Monica Gramatges, Chair; Wendy Allen-Rhoades, Vice Chair, Julia Challinor, Senior Advisor) received a small grant from SIOP to engage a medical student to assist with a scoping review of rurality and its impact on cancer care and delivery in North America. The project is underway and a medical librarian-facilitated Medline search, abstract and full text reviews have been completed.

Education Committee: The Education and Training Committee (Scott Moerdler, Chair; Pinki Prasad, Vice Chair; Michelle Hermiston, Senior Advisor) organized a successful webinar in collaboration with SLAOP entitled, "AYA Models of Oncology Care: Exploring Challenges and Opportunities in Diverse Settings," which included panel speakers from the US and Latin America spanning small and large programs, pediatrics and adult, as well as the perspective from national consortiums.

Global Health Committee: The Global Health Committee (Cesar Nunez, Chair; Jeremy Slone, Vice Chair) has had discussions with potential partners including the ASPHO Global Health Special Interest Group, the COG Diversity and Health Disparities Leadership group, SLAOP, and APHON to identify common areas of interest. The goal is to provide a framework for interactive participation of SIOP-NA members to reduce the burden of and improve survival for pediatric cancer across the world.

Membership Committee: The Membership Committee (Rod Rassekh, Chair; Lisa Morrissey, Vice Chair) organized booths at the annual ASPHO and COG meetings to raise awareness and increase membership in SIOP-NA. Membership reached **723** SIOP-NA members before the Ottawa Congress, an all-time high!!

Nursing Committee: The Nursing Committee (Lauri Linder, Chair; Linda Abramovitz, Vice Chair) have been meeting on a quarterly basis with nursing leaders from other SIOP Nursing Continental branches to identify opportunities for collaboration. The SIOP-NA nursing committee hosted open forums with SIOP nursing members who reside in North America to identify their vision and initial priorities.

Scientific Committee: The Scientific Committee (Raya Saab, Chair; Matthew Kutney, Vice Chair; Ira Dunkel, Senior Advisor) is finalizing mechanisms for proposal intake and review, and a platform to assist in connecting researchers for multi-institutional studies. The first project, currently underway, is a survey study assessing SIOP-NA member interest and engagement in Global Research.

Young SIOP: The Young SIOP committee (Louise Guolla, Chair; Adriana Fonseca-Sheridan, Vice Chair; Justin Baker, Senior Advisor) is pleased to have spearheaded the development of a collaborative workshop at ASPHO in April 2024, which will focus on professional development and benefits of membership with SIOP, COG, ASPHO, and ASH. The committee added leaders who serve as liaisons to other SIOP-NA committees: Perri Tutelman, Callum Mullen, Katrina O'Halloran, and Teri Stewart.