Membership Committee Report

The Committee reviewed and revised its charge to better reflect the direction and function of the Committee as it serves the Society. Not only will the Committee continue to provide recommendations for member recruitment, retention, and benefits, but it will also play a more active role in engaging members of the Society.

The Committee will continue to leverage the key priorities that emerged from the Society Strategic Plan to develop and recommend new strategies on issues related to membership recruitment, retention, and engagement. One of the initial steps taken in this regard is evaluating the feasibility of a Society-wide Fellowship Program recognizing member accomplishments and services to the Society. The Committee will also continue evaluating and proposing new ways to target specific membership subgroups including trainee, women, minority, nonacademic, and international scientists. Other potential avenues for consideration include engaging groups more directly into meeting programs via symposia, as well as inclusion with the governance of individual sections/committees.

Finally, the Committee will continue to work to identify additional tangible benefits specifically for APS members.