

AMERSA Governance Committee 2024 Annual Report

In 2024, the AMERSA Governance Committee undertook several key initiatives, including the revision of the discrimination clause, which has now been incorporated into the bylaws and the Code of Conduct. The committee also reviewed and updated the AMERSA Bylaws and oversaw the nomination and election process for a board vacancy. Leadership transitions occurred within the committee, with Dr. Bertholet resigning in April and Dr. Dahlem stepping into the chair role.

Additionally, the Governance Committee refined the board nomination questions and updated professional identity categories to streamline data collection efforts for AMERSA members and conference attendees. The revised professional identity categories will aid in grant evaluation metrics and enhance understanding of the demographics of AMERSA members, thereby guiding future strategic initiatives. By October, the committee had successfully reviewed candidates and provided a nominee for the Board's review and approval. The newly elected Board member, Raagini Jawa, will be inaugurated in November at the annual conference.