Associate Member and Mentoring Committee

The Associate Member and Mentoring Committee's organizing principle is increase and empower participation in the Society by Associate Members and to increase the membership value of the Society for Associate Members. With the Education Committee, this committee will also provide opportunities for mentoring of Associate Members to promote retention/graduation of Associate Members to remain active in photobiology research, teaching and/or clinical practice as Full Members of ASP. This will be accomplished with special attention to the following key goals and responsibilities.

1. One key goal of all committees is to increase opportunities to participate in the Society using online, interactive resources.
    a. Google groups—Work with Secretariat and webmaster (if applicable) to develop Google group format for sharing information and communicating within the committee.
    b. Online Educational initiatives—work with and/or advise Educational Committee on Associate Member participation and input for online educational initiatives such as the online poster session and online discussion forums.
    c. Online Outreach Initiatives—work with and/or advise Outreach Committee on Associate Member participation and input for online research based and other social networking (e.g. researchgate, twitter) as a means to recruit/retain Associate Members and newly.
2. The mentoring aspect of this committee will maximize the benefits of membership in the Society for students, fellows and junior faculty.
    a. Mentorship and opportunities— This Committee will develop and update a roadmap that outlines strategic mentorship goals with specific actions and processes to meet these goals. This will be updated annually and will be targeted at providing younger members of the Society with help and advice in their professional and career development. This will include organizing activities at the regular meetings and online (ie mentorship luncheon, Associate Member party, grant or manuscript writing workshops) to attract the participation of associate and junior faculty members.
    b. Ensure Diversity—The committee will work with the Outreach Committee to recommend qualified women and minority members for membership and leadership positions in the Society, as speakers and session chairs at the annual meeting, and as award recipients.