

## Join Us for a Behind-the-Scenes Look as We Plan ASNR 2024!

Mark your calendars for April 10-13, 2024 because ASNR is coming to San Antonio, Texas, next year! While the conference is still more than eight months away, our Program Committee has been busy reviewing feedback from our latest meeting, planning the 2024 conference schedule, and beginning to identify potential topics to feature during the meeting. The Program Committee is led by the Committee Chair Kelsey Baker, PhD. Dr. Baker is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, and she has been an active member of ASNR since 2014.



### What is the Program Committee, and What Does it Do?

ASNR is fortunate to have a fantastic Program Committee composed of 14 ASNR members from different backgrounds and expertise in various areas of neurorehabilitation. The Program Committee plays an important role in facilitating preparations for the annual meeting, coordinating relevant communications, planning the meeting schedule, and overseeing the scientific program for the meeting. Since education is an important part of ASNR's values, each Annual Meeting includes one or more career development sessions for early-career attendees, and the Program Committee works together with the Education Committee to ensure these sessions are a success.

"When you go to a conference as an attendee, you may not realize how much discussion and planning goes into it," remarked Dr. Baker. "The members of the Program Committee are often agonizing over the decisions we have to make. For example, each year we receive a lot of submissions with great ideas for symposia, and one of the biggest challenges is narrowing it down to just five or six sessions for the meeting," she stated. Dr. Baker first joined the Program Committee in 2017. Over the years, she has enjoyed being engaged in the planning process for several ASNR Annual Meetings, and she was selected as Program Chair this year for the 2024 meeting. You can [learn more about the Program Committee and how to get involved on our website](#).

### What are Some of the Key Milestones in the Meeting Planning Process?

Planning for the ASNR Annual Meeting typically begins about two years in advance. The first decisions that have to be made involve the location and the dates of the meeting. ASNR meetings are held in a different city each year, and securing an outstanding venue in a vibrant city helps attract new attendees to the meeting. "The Hilton Palacio del Rio, where the meeting will be held next year, is situated right on the iconic San Antonio River Walk alongside a wide variety of shops, restaurants, and other attractions," noted Dr. Baker.

In the coming months, the Program Committee will begin making decisions about the content of the conference, including keynote speakers and reception locations. Symposia will be chosen in November from the submissions received. By December, the Program Committee will be finalizing the meeting program, selecting Diversity Fellows, and naming the winners of the Outstanding Neurorehabilitation Clinician-Scientist, Kenneth Viste Jr., MD Memorial Lectureship, and Fellows of the American Society of Neurorehabilitation Awards. In the early months of 2024, the Program Committee will review and score abstracts and assist with the final meeting preparations.

Important events for attendees to keep an eye out for leading up to the conference include the:

- call for symposia
- requests for award nominations
- Diversity Fellowship Program applications
- exhibitor and sponsor sign-ups
- abstract submissions
- meeting registration period

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### **What Can Members Look Forward to at ASNR 2024?**

ASNR Meetings are a wonderful opportunity to catch up with colleagues, make new connections, learn from experts in the field, and explore the culture and cuisine of the host city. Each year, the Program Committee develops an exciting conference program including roundtable discussions, oral presentations, panel discussions, and engaging poster sessions, as well as an awards ceremony, diversity content, receptions, and social events.

"I'm really looking forward to welcoming everyone here to Texas for the 2024 meeting," said Dr. Baker. "There are a lot of advances and new neurorehabilitation research findings coming from scientists in our state, and San Antonio is such a fun city with a fascinating history. Between the Alamo and other museums, the food scene, live music, and the diverse community of people, San Antonio is an excellent choice for the meeting location," she explained.

### **Looking Ahead to ASNR 2025!**

We can't wait to see everyone in San Antonio next April for ASNR 2024, and we have already started making plans for ASNR 2025! The Program Committee will soon have the location and dates finalized for the 2025 meeting, and these will be announced in our 2024 program. Make sure to connect with us on social media and stay tuned for more information!