

McKnight Brain Research Foundation
Charter of the Education Committee
of the Board of Trustees

Purpose

The Education Committee shall lead efforts to inform the public, the scientific community, health policy agencies, health professional schools, professional societies, and the media on the prevalence and impact of age-related cognitive decline and memory loss, differentiating this natural process from Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

The Committee shall develop information and resources to assist those living with cognitive decline and age-related memory loss and their family members to better understand, address, and manage cognitive changes and the effect and impact on their lives. The Education Committee shall develop and disseminate information to the public on activities and behaviors that can maintain cognitive health throughout life and help delay or minimize the negative effects of cognitive aging.

The Education Committee shall identify educational opportunities and implement activities among the scientific community to foster greater interest and investment, and to inspire commitment and shared vision in the understanding and alleviation of cognitive aging and age-related cognitive decline and memory loss. The Education Committee shall encourage and endorse educational programs at each of the McKnight Brain Institutes (MBIs) by providing direction, focus and guidance using consistent information and key messages on cognitive aging, age-related cognitive decline and age-related memory loss.

The Education Committee shall work to elevate the importance of age-related cognitive decline and memory loss on the national agenda and shall encourage its inclusion in health professional education curricula, accreditation, examination, and licensing, as well as encouraging greater investment in research and education by federal health agencies. The Education Committee reports to the Board of Trustees.

Members

The Chair of the Board shall appoint an Education Committee, consisting of no fewer than three (3) members, inclusive of the Chair of the Education Committee and at least two other Trustees. Because the Committee is required to make substantive judgments about the content and quality of educational programs, targeting a varied audience and utilizing a variety of delivery methods, the committee may include other non-Trustee members. The Chair of the Board shall serve as non-voting, ex officio member. The Executive Director shall serve as non-voting, ex officio member.

Meetings

The Education Committee shall meet at those times and places as determined by the Chair of the Committee, no fewer than two (2) times a year. The Committee shall maintain minutes of all meetings, which shall be regularly approved by the Committee and made available for distribution to the Board of Trustees.

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Powers

The Education Committee shall provide oversight and guidance on education activities, inclusive of its partnerships and programs, and assist in plans for the annual Inter-institutional meeting. The Committee shall review and approve all educational materials distributed under the auspices of the MBRF.

The Committee shall share information about scholarship opportunities, panel and presentation opportunities, poster sessions, conference participation, and educational partnerships with nonprofit organizations and health policy agencies and encourage McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF) Trustee and MBI participation.

The Education Committee shall encourage health professional schools, professional societies, and public and private health care organizations to develop and disseminate core competencies, curricula, and continuing education opportunities that focus on cognitive aging as distinct from clinical syndromes and diseases. The Committee shall encourage that cognitive health should be promoted during regular medical and wellness visits for people of all ages.

The Education Committee shall work with the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Director to develop long range plans, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be required and approved by the Board of Trustees.