

Biomedical Acoustics TC Meeting 190th Meeting in Philadelphia, PA

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Technical Committee (TC) Chair: Prof. Julianna C. Simon

1. Welcome

- New attendees: 15 (7 students, 8 non-students)
- Total participants: 53

2. The meeting began with introductory content and a summary of TC activities by Prof. Simon. See slides for details.

3. ASA School: *Living in the Acoustic Environment*

- Very positive feedback from attendees.
- Highlights included engaging topics, strong learning opportunities, and new research connections.

4. Introductory Remarks

- Registration: Total number not specified, including 384 students.

5. Meeting Reminders

- No photography allowed.
- Remote presentations are not permitted.

6. Sessions

- Special and General Sessions: 10 total; all ran smoothly.

7. Awards and Honors

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- Gold Medal: Anthony Atchley
- Silver Medal: Oleg Sapozhnikov
- New Fellows: Kang Kim and Tanya Khokhlova

8. Student Poster Competition

- Winners:
 - 1st: Sophie Haddad
 - 2nd: Sergio Maldonado-Ortega
 - 3rd: Mehmet Yapar
- Audience Choice: Abigail Collins
- Participants will receive feedback via email from Virginie Papadopoulou.
- Additional judges are always welcome.

9. Technical Council Updates

- Tribute session for Dr. Allan Pierce (book signing).
- JASA impact factor: 2.3.
- Special issues are increasingly popular; open calls for papers ongoing.
- Across Acoustics Podcast: 92 episodes, approximately 42,000 downloads.
- POMA student paper competition ongoing.
- New alt-text requirement for figures in publications.
- Updated AI policy: allowed for manuscript preparation, but not for co-authorship.
- See meeting slides for more information

10. ASA Centennial

- Chair: Stan Dosso.
- Planning for special sessions and creative events is underway.
- Encouraged to reflect on past and future (10-year outlook).

11. Committee Updates

- Public Relations Committee
 - First Science Communication Awards presented.
 - Submissions encouraged for 2026 awards.
 - Media liaisons: Kevin Haworth and Tyrone Porter.
- Membership Engagement Committee
 - Early Career Travel Support: 27 applicants, 20 awards granted.

- Cannot receive both this award and Women in Acoustics funding award.

12. 2026 Technical Initiatives

- Operating Reserve Fund: 3–5% available for new initiatives (approximately \$300,000).
- Proposal deadline: October 1, 2026.
- Submit ideas to Juli or Kang.
- Suggested ideas:
 - Digitizing textbooks (e.g., Allan Pierce).

13. Future Meetings

- Baltimore: Dec. 15–17, 2026
 - 3-day trial meeting.
 - Poster sessions encouraged.
 - BATC will host a general (“potpourri”) , if needed (depending on number of submitted abstracts).
 - Ongoing discussion about meeting structure and TC participation.
- Brussels, Belgium: June 21–27, 2027
 - ASA/EAA co-chairs encouraged
 - Large number of proposed sessions; reductions required.
 - Encouraged to collaborate, consolidate topics, and consider poster sessions.
- Fall 2027 (tentative)
 - Likely 3-day meeting on the U.S. West Coast.
 - Limited session space; careful planning required.

14. Other Business

- Membership Committee
 - Self-nomination for Fellow is not permitted.
 - Members should not request committee decision outcomes.
- Student Council Updates
 - Nearly 400 student registrants.
 - Strong participation in student events and networking programs.
 - SONIC program continues to grow.
 - BATC Student Competition seeking new volunteers.
 - Welcome Nick Rivet as new BATC Student Representative!

- Congratulations Cassidy on becoming new Student Council Chair
- SURIEA Mentorship: Mentors needed.
- Gordon Research Seminar (Aug. 2026): Topics include ultrasound imaging, histotripsy, and drug delivery.
- BATC Representative Updates
 - Need a BATC representative on the College of Fellows Committee.
 - Additional details to be provided by Juli.
- 2026 Approved Initiatives
 - Student poster competition refreshments
 - Gordon Conference support
 - Reminder: Reports must be submitted to remain eligible for future funding.

15. The end.