



The goal of the Electronic Technology Committee (ETC) is to educate UWRA members on technology-related topics of interest. The committee uses three primary formats for its programs—lecture-style, informal small-group interactive sessions called Tech Clinics, and articles in The Sifter newsletter. The ETC also maintains an email address, uwra.tech@gmail.com, for questions and comments from UWRA members.

The majority of ideas for programs come from committee members. The 14-member ETC has a diverse composition ranging from “techies” to technology novices. This diversity is important for the committee to develop topics and approaches that work for the broad UWRA membership. During the year, two members resigned (Ann Wallace, Judy Craig) and one joined (Santee Sieberlich). Bruno Browning and Rachel Baker co-chair the ETC. The committee roster: Rachel Baker, Bruno Browning, Kathy Christoph, Marcy Doelp, Brad Hughes, Orv Jordahl, Faisal Kaud, Paul Reichel, Steve Reischel, Hugh Schmidt, Millard Susman, Jim Vannes, Santee Sieberlich, Scott Springman, and Sandi Haase ex officio.

Committee activities in 2022-2023 included:

Sifter articles

- “LastPass Security Breach” by Rachel Baker in the February Issue
- “Alternatives to Cable TV” by Scott Springman in the April Issue
- “How to Protect Your Digital Legacy” by Santee Seiberlich in the April Issue
- “Assistive Technology: Access to Independence” by Jim Vannes in the May Issue

Programs

- “Electronic Health Records: Doctor, Doctor, Gimme the News!” by Scott Springman March 1
- “Assistive Technology: Access to Independence”, by James Vanness March 14
- “Solar and Sustainable Energy” by Scott Springman April 12
- “#UW-Madison on Social Media” by Brad Hughes May

Tech Clinics

- The ETC held no Tech Clinics during 2022-2023 due to the Board decision not to have face-to-face activities. We hope to resume them in 2023-2024

Hybrid UWRA Meetings

The ETC continued consultation with the Board about how the UWRA can conduct hybrid face-to-face/remote events in the future when face-to-face activities become more practicable.

Additional programs, Tech Clinics, and Sifter articles are under discussion. Examples include personal fitness technology, artificial Intelligence potential applications, remote access options, podcasts, Internet of Things security, instructional technology, UWRA app.

Future meetings will be held on the first Thursday afternoon of the month, from 1:00-2:30pm. Bruno Browning and Rachel Baker will share leadership of the committee in 2023-2024.

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