

Vanguard Committee

Leadership: chair, vice chair, past chair (1-year terms)

Affiliated Council member: selected by president

Number of members: 18 members; 1 Affiliated Councilor; 1 trainee member
Membership of the Vanguard Committee is restricted to our younger liver transplant professional members (aged less than 42 years at the time of entry into the Committee)

Key aims: To promote the engagement of younger liver transplant professionals and trainees in all ILTS activities, and to advocate on their behalf.

Key tasks and dates:

1. Meet at annual congress (May-July) to review recent activities and member feedback, discuss council input from the most recent council meeting, and develop an agenda for the following year
2. Organize five multidisciplinary Vanguard sessions at the Annual Congress-Vanguard Moderated Poster Discussion-Vanguard Grand Round Case Presentations-Vanguard Featured Symposium-Vanguard Debate Session-Vanguard Surgical Video Session
3. Host a Vanguard Reception at the annual congress
4. Highlight younger members' contributions by selection of the best published clinical and basic science research papers during the calendar year for the Vanguard Awards.
5. Publish on-line Vanguard Reports, highlights of the ILTS annual congress.
6. Contribute to the Scientific Content in the monthly ILTS Newsletter and assist in social media profile management.
7. Lead monthly Vanguard ILTS Webinars on Complex Cases in Liver Transplantation.
8. Coordinate the assigned Special Interest Groups.
9. Ascertain the educational and professional needs of younger members through informal discussion and the annual member survey (September), and work with the ILTS leadership to address these needs.
10. Review online applications for committee membership annually (October-January) and nominate replacements for members expiring in that year. Process as per ILTS Committees Policy, to be completed four weeks before winter council meeting
11. Report twice yearly to ILTS Council: January-February written report for winter council meeting agenda book, May-June written report for annual congress council meeting agenda book and Chair to present in person.

Key performance metrics:

1. Satisfactory reports to ILTS Council
2. Participant numbers and feedback regarding congress events organized by the committee