



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.

The majority of ideas for programs come from committee members. The 18-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, one member resigned (Carol Graham), and six joined (Bruno Browning, Faisal Kaud, Brad Hughes, Steve Reischel, Hugh Schmidt, Jim Vannes). We also welcomed former committee member and co-chair, Sheila Spear, to meetings remotely from her home in Maine. Ann Wallace and Kathy Christoph shared leadership of the ETC. The committee roster: Rachel Baker, Bruno Browning, Kathy Christoph, Judy Craig, Marcy Doelp, John Helgeson, Brad Hughes, Orv Jordahl, Faisal Kaud, Diane Kravetz, Karen LaMere, Paul Reichel, Steve Reischel, Louise Robbins, Hugh Schmidt, Millard Susman, Jim Vannes, Ann Wallace, ex-officio Sandi Haase.

Committee activities in 2020-21 included:

Sifter articles

- “Emergency Information on Your Smartphone” by Karen LaMere in the September issue
- “A Pandemic of Scams” by Rachel Baker in October
- “Basics of Video Editing” by Jim Vannes and Rachel Baker in February
- “Equity in Pandemic Schooling” program summary by Louise Robbins in April
- “What Happened to My Classroom? Online Teaching and Learning” program summary by Brad Hughes in June encouraging readers to watch the recording of the program
- “Armchair adventures when we are physically unable to travel together” by Louise Robbins (unpublished)

Programs

- “Saving Your Digital Stuff: Personal and Family History” by Dorothea Salo of the Information School, October 20, organized by Louise Robbins
- “The Future of Your Data Footprint” by Bob Turner of DoIT, November 11, organized by John Helgeson
- “Identity Theft: Protect and Prevent” by Jeff Kersten and Francesca Johnson of the Bureau of Consumer Protection—Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, January 13, a joint presentation by the Committees on Financial Matters in Retirement and Electronic Technology organized by Millard Susman
- “Equity in Pandemic Schooling” by Dr. Erica Turner of Educational Policy Studies, Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings of Curriculum and Instruction, and Dr. Carlton Jenkins, Superintendent of the Madison Metropolitan School District, February 9, organized by Louise Robbins
- “What happened in my classroom? Online teaching and learning at UW-Madison in Spring, 2021” by Dianna Murphy, Director of the Foreign Language Institute; Janet Batzli, Interim Director of

Biocore; John Zumbunnen, Vice Provost and Professor of Political Science; Alicia Lee, Assistant Professor of Music (clarinet); and Haania Khan, undergraduate double-major in Biochemistry and Religious Studies, March 19, organized by Brad Hughes and Bruno Browning

Tech Clinics

- “Prepare for the Holidays: Come ‘Zoom’ with Us” by Rachel Baker and Orv Jordahl, November 17
- “How to decide when to replace your equipment” by Rachel Baker, Orv Jordahl and Faisal Kaud with assistance from Paul Reichel, May 14 (desktops and laptops) and May 21 (mobile devices)

UWRA website announcement

Apple warning of hack attack and warning to upgrade your machine by Rachel Baker

Additional programs, Tech Clinics, and *Sifter* articles are under discussion. Examples include UW-Madison libraries, setting up virtual social events, travel apps, a panel on innovative examples of instructional technology, where to get help with various devices, how to deal with wi-fi dead zones in your home, quantum computing, password managers, and VPNs.

Future meetings will be held on the first Thursday afternoon of the month, from 12:30-2:00pm. Ann Wallace and Bruno Browning will share leadership of the committee in 2021-22.