



PSM News

February-March 2023

Message from NPSMA President

What a busy month February has been for NPSMA Board and Committee members! The Conference Planning Committee have started planning our Annual Conference in Tampa on November 1st-4th, 2023- Please Save the Date! The Affiliation Committee is going through several re-affiliations of programs, some of whom have been with us longer than 10 years. If you have not yet heard from them, expect an email sometime in the next quarter. The Marketing and Outreach Committee are exploring micro credentialing, badging, and increasing our social media profile. In "Ask NPSMA," we have had lengthy discussions on several topics, most recently on Student and Faculty wellness.

We have met with the Council of Graduate Schools, and will continue to do so this year, to seek guidance on restructuring / reframing proposed by members of our association. Our veteran Board members are challenging us to consider the future purpose of the NPSMA. See more details of the proposal below:

- We are working on a proposal to rebrand our Association and reframe our purpose beyond just a "PSM Programs Affiliating Association", but as a national organization for STEM Masters providing Best Practices for building workforce development into the curriculum. We have 25 years of experience and data which serves as 'proof-of-concept' that as an organization we are capable of building programs with professional skills, which lead to jobs in the relevant industries.
- We are now positioned to provide thought leadership in this important national conversation and to disseminate these best practices to all within the institutions that

we individually represent and through our umbrella organization, the NPSMA.

- We want to open this proposal for discussion on March 27th at the Ask NPSMA- we hope you will participate. The session will take place at 4 p.m. EDT via the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84125285147>. Please let us know if you are interested in learning more about this ongoing conversation, or just want to comment on this initiative, by reaching out to our Operations Manager, Derek Payne, at manager@npsma.org.

Reminder: We are asking all NPSMA member programs to join our [LinkedIn page](#) @National Professional Science Master's Association and tag us in your posts, so we can reshare them as well. We love improving your visibility as a PSM program. Remember also, we are always available for a one-on-one chat to answer questions about PSM related issues. Reach out to our Operations Manager Derek Payne (manager@npsma.org), who will connect us.

With best regards,



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Become a Beta Tester for msIDP©

You can help the NPSMA by participating in the evaluation and improvement of its Individual Development Plan for STEM Master's students, a student-directed advising tool. If you haven't downloaded msIDP, would like to do so, and have your program invited to beta-test msIDP, please send a request to Linda Strausbaugh (linda.strausbaugh@uconn.edu).

NPSMA 2023 Annual Conference and Workshop:

Save the dates Nov 1-4, 2023 for the event in Tampa, Florida



We are planning to meet in Tampa, Florida on **November 1-4, 2023** for the NPSMA's Annual Conference and Workshop. Additional details regarding the conference program will be forthcoming. The conference planning committee would like to welcome your presentation proposals and ideas for sponsorship. Send proposals and ideas to [Max Houck](mailto:Max.Houck@npsma.org), NPSMA Conference Planning Committee Chair.

NPSMA Annual Membership Renewal Invoices

Invoices for annual NPSMA membership renewal dues have been sent out this week and are due on June 15. The annual dues are for \$525 (one affiliated program), \$1,050 (two affiliated programs), \$1,575 (three affiliated programs), and \$2,100 (four or more affiliated programs). If you have any issues or questions, please contact Operations Manager Derek Payne at manager@npsma.org.

In case you missed it...

- **Fall 2022 curated issue of the [PSM Alumni and Graduation CHRONICLE](#).** This yearly NPSMA publication features alumni and student profiles to demonstrate the full-range competitive advantage of a PSM degree, and highlights why PSM programs are attracting students from across the globe. Click [HERE](#) to read the latest issue.

- **"Ask NPSMA" Presentations.** View many of these previously engaging sessions anytime, along with other PSM videos on the [PSM YouTube Channel](#). Additional videos are being continually added so check back often.

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