



PSM News

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Message from NPSMA President

It's April! Hope you are all having a productive recruiting season for your respective programs for academic year 2023/ 24. As you also prepare to graduate your current students, don't forget to curate your best graduation stories to share in our PSM Alumni and Graduation CHRONICLE (the initial call for nominations will be sent out in May). If you would like to share a Best Practices seminar about recruiting, workforce development or student outcome during a future "Ask NPSMA," please reach out to "Ask NPSMA" Chair Marcel Blais, PhD., through our Operations Manager, Derek Payne, at manager@npsma.org

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we have started exploratory conversations about including all STEM Master's in the membership of our organization. The Executive Committee and the Board have agreed to bring this proposal to the National PSM Association members, which we have initiated by engaging those who attend our "Ask NPSMA" and through this monthly newsletter. As a community, we have done a SWOT analysis and see many strengths and opportunities, while being cognizant of the challenges. We had a great conversation during the last "Ask NPSMA" about enlarging our NPSMA tent and you can access the recording through our [PSM YouTube channel](#). We look forward to our quarterly conversation with the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) about this interest and will keep you informed.

A special shout out to our Affiliation Committee that has taken on the enormous task of affiliating and re-affiliating our new and existing members. The committee is co-chaired by Dan Watts and Suzanne Hicks, with the following serving as members:

Elizabeth Friedman, Arun Kumar, Kristin Kuter, Meaghan Nappo, Starra Priestaf, and Victor Ugaz.

We are already planning this year's conference and our conference committee chair [Max Houck](#) is being assisted by Aaron Guy, who helped plan our San Diego conference under the leadership of Al Kern. Please do not forget to the SAVE the Dates for the conference November 1-4, 2023 in Tampa, Florida. And, as always, reach out to us with any questions and suggestions.

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 NSPMA's Annual Conference and Workshop at the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore. 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](#), NPSMA Conference Planning Committee Chair.

NPSMA Annual Membership Renewal Invoices

Invoices for annual NPSMA membership renewal dues have been sent out 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). Renewals are valid until June 15, 2024 (some of the automated emails have contained an incorrect date). 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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