

External Advisory Board Responsibilities

Background:

Partnership and collaboration with industry is an integral part all Professional Science Master's Programs. To facilitate this connection, an Advisory Board was organized to advise and support the NPSMA in their efforts to familiarize industry with graduates from PSM programs. The NPSMA Advisory Board consists of professionals in a wide variety of science-related industries, organizations and academic institutions.

Purpose of the Board of Affiliates:

1. To consult and advise the NPSMA on improving and expanding connections to industry and business;
2. To provide a link to industry to facilitate internships and career paths for students graduating from PSM programs;
3. To provide a link to corporations, government labs, and other science-based organizations to facilitate general support for the association;
4. To serve as a sounding board of economic and employment trends in industry and government affecting programs nationwide;
5. To assist the NPSMA in the identification and solicitation of financial and other resources.

Organization:

The Advisory Board consists of individuals in science-based careers and organizations, corporations, and laboratories, which are committed to supporting the goals of the NPSMA. New Board members are to be nominated by the members of the NPSMA community with mutual consent of the existing Board of Directors and are appointed by the President of the NPSMA. The Board meets once a year.

Outcome:

At the Board meeting, the corporate affiliates will be expected to meet with representatives of the NPSMA Board of Directors to provide input about their industries, their workforce needs, and assist in identifying ways to promote its mission.