Workforce Advisory Council
Responsibilities

Introduction:

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

Purpose of the Workforce Advisory Council:

1. To consult and advise the NPSMA on improving and expanding connections to industry and business;
2. To provide a link to employers to facilitate internships and career paths for PSM students and graduates;
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 Workforce Advisory Council consists of individuals in science-based careers and organizations, corporations, and laboratories, who are committed to supporting the goals of the NPSMA. New Advisory Council members are 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 Workforce Advisory Council meets once a year in person at the NPSMA annual National Conference, and at least once more by teleconference.

Outcome:

At the Workforce Advisory Council meetings, members will assist the Chair and the NPSMA Board Liaison in the development of action items addressing specific topics identified for consideration at each meeting. Members will also provide general input about employment trends and workforce needs in their areas of expertise.