

Joint Communication to the PSM Community

May 31, 2019

Dear Professional Science Masters (PSM) Community,

We are writing to announce a new phase in PSM membership support and services that we feel will benefit all our programs.

Since 2012, the PSM degree has been affiliated by the Commission on Affiliation of the PSM Programs (the 'Commission') and supported by the National Professional Science Master's Association (NPSMA). We are announcing that the Commission will terminate and no longer administer its affiliation process.

The NPSMA will assume the Commission's responsibilities for recognizing PSM programs and collecting and disseminating PSM data. The previously co-shared obligations in managing the website and PSM brand management will be transferred in full to the NPSMA.

NPSMA will continue to operate as a membership organization and will continue to provide members with these and additional benefits such as publications and the annual meeting.

NPSMA is also announcing its new annual membership fees. Annual membership fees for PSM programs will be \$500 per PSM Program, capped at \$2000 for Institutions with five or more programs. ***For almost all programs, we anticipate the new membership dues will result in financial savings.***

We understand there will be many questions. Please contact us at npsma@npsma.org. Also, please check the website (www.ProfessionalScienceMasters.org) regularly for updates and more information. NPSMA will communicate an updated approach to PSM recognition in the near future.

The PSM remains a vibrant and sought-after degree with excellent outcomes for its graduates. We encourage the entire PSM community to attend the 2019 annual meeting in Salt Lake City (www.npsma.org/National-Conferences) and look forward to another year of helping you develop workforce-ready graduates.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Herness".

Scott Herness
NPSMA President



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Sterling".

Jim Sterling
Commission on Affiliation of PSM Programs Director