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Quarterly PSM Workshop in Tucson in March

"We're building on the momentum of our Inaugural National Conference by holding Quarterly PSM Workshops in 2009."

- Ursula Bechert,
NPSMA President

The NPSMA will be hosting a Quarterly PSM Workshop on the evening of Thursday, March 5 and all day Friday, March 6 in Tucson, AZ. Panel discussions will include:

PSM Program Sustainability

- * Administration buy-in
- * Faculty motivation
- * Student recruitment
- * Program marketing

State & System-wide Models

- * CA Update; AZ plans

Employer Relations in Recession

- * Impact on internships & hiring
- * Continued growth of partnerships

Student & Alumni Successes

- * Examples of student projects
- * Feedback from recent PSM grads

The Thursday evening PSM Networking Social and lodging will be at the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort and the Friday workshop will be at the University of Arizona. Further details will be posted on www.npsma.org and distributed via the NPSMA listserv.

NPSMA Members Sought to Participate on Committees



*Ursula Bechert, NPSMA President,
Stephen Lemire, Executive Director*

The Board of Directors and staff of the NPSMA encourage the involvement of its members in expanding and carrying out the missions of its various member services committees. These committees and their respective roles are: **Best Practices** - to collect and share PSM program development and sustainability information; **Special Events** - to set the agenda and coordinate educational programs; **Alumni Network** - to create outreach and support for PSM alumni and students; **Information Technology** - to optimize the association website's ability to meet the needs of a growing membership; **Communications** - to create vehicles for intra-PSM exchange of information and promote the PSM degree; and **Membership Development** - to build the base of NPSMA members. For more info: bechert@npsma.org; slemire@npsma.org.

NPSMA Collecting Enrollment and Graduation Data from all PSM Programs

"It is pivotal to have this information when communicating with employers and policymakers."

- Stephen Lemire,
NPSMA
Executive Director
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The NPSMA is in the midst of creating a standardized annual collection of PSM student enrollment and PSM graduate data for all degree programs. Program Directors were sent unique identifiers to allow them to enter a portal on the NPSMA website where they could update program contact information and enter enrollee and degree data.

This information is vital to continue to advance the PSM Movement by providing those in the PSM field with regularly updated information describing our students and alumni. As the PSM field continues to grow rapidly this data collection also will provide an opportunity to analyze some of its demographic trends.

The NPSMA will share the results with its PSM collaborators such as the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and the Council of Graduate Schools so that our outreach and communications efforts are providing consistent and current information.

The goal is to present the final report of the 2008 enrollment and graduation data at the March 6 Quarterly PSM Workshop in Tucson (see information above).

NPSMA Elects Three New Board Members

The NPSMA general membership elected three PSM program directors to its Board of Directors for three-year terms effective January 1, 2009. Elected were: Dagmar Beck (left), PSM Program Director, Rice University; Kevin Sightler (lower left), Visiting PSM Program Director, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and Famarz Valafar (lower right), Director of the CSU-PSM Initiative, San Diego State University.

The three replaced outgoing Board members Jung Choi, Georgia Institute of Technology, David Bieber, University of Pennsylvania, and Lisbeth Borbye, North Carolina State University whose terms ended in December.



*Dagmar Beck,
Rice University*



“Program Directors are the ‘boots on the ground’ for the PSM degree. We need them to write to and visit their Congressional representatives to urge funding for the America COMPETES Act.”

- Stephen Lemire,
NPSMA
Executive Director

Ways to Help Promote the PSM Degree

When you visit the Calendar of Events on the NPSMA website (<http://www.npsma.org/calendar.html>) you will see that there are an increasing number of programs in which the PSM degree is being discussed. When PSM representatives make presentations it is always helpful to provide examples of how PSM students and graduates make contributions to the business and scientific workforce. If you have examples that you would like to share, please submit them to the NPSMA office at 508-831-4996 or slemire@npsma.org.

We encourage you to include testimonials from and profiles of your PSM graduates on your program’s website. A good example may be found here from Oregon State University <http://psm.science.oregonstate.edu/alumni-profiles>.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has created an effective blog and video and incorporated them into their website. They may be viewed at <http://illinoispsm.blogspot.com/2008/12/national-professional-science-masters.html>.

The NPSMA would like to thank our more than 80 members for their continued support and participation in association activities. For a current list of members: <http://www.npsma.org/sponsors.html>.

NPSMA Provides Resources for UMass System-wide PSM Implementation Planning Meetings

More than fifty administrators and faculty attended recent meetings at the University of Massachusetts Lowell to explore the development of a multi-campus system-wide PSM implementation. NPSMA members who participated in the meetings were (below left to right): Bogdan Vernescu, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Famarz Valafar, San Diego State University, Sheila Tobias, NPSMA Academic Liaison, Michael Teitelbaum, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Cynthia Bainton, Northeastern University, and Stephen Lemire, NPSMA Executive Director.



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_____ Business, Industry, Nonprofit, Government Employer		\$4,000
_____ Academic Institution		\$2,000
(1 member per PSM program)		
(PSM alumni that enroll in Alumni Network - 1 year FREE)		
_____ Academic - Employer Partnership		\$5,000
_____ Academic System	(3 to 5 campuses)	\$5,000
	(each additional campus)	\$1,000
_____ Individual		\$ 50
_____ PSM Alumnus		\$ 50
_____ PSM Student	1 st year - FREE; 2 nd year	\$ 25

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