

PSM News for Summer 2019

NPSMA Integration of the PSM Commission: FAQs

As the National Professional Science Master's Association assumes several responsibilities previously met by the Commission on Affiliation of PSM Programs at KGI (the Commission will end in June - [Joint Communication](#)), there are many questions about what PSM Programs can expect from the NPSMA going forward.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

1. **What does this mean for program recognition?** The NPSMA will continue to recognize PSM programs. NPSMA is actively reviewing the affiliation process this summer and will propose a simple, cost effective approach to program recognition no later than January 2020.
2. **I direct a currently affiliated PSM program. Do I need to do anything?** No. Nothing changes now EXCEPT the likelihood that your annual fees will be REDUCED. NPSMA membership dues are \$500 per program with a maximum of \$2000 per institution. A single invoice from NPSMA will be issued annually.
3. **Is this an opportunity for previously affiliated/approved PSM Programs?** The NPSMA invites formerly approved programs to formally rejoin the PSM community as members of the Association. Write NPSMA at coordinator@npsma.org for additional information.
4. **I'd like to start a new PSM program. What should I do?** Individuals interested in starting new PSM programs should join as NPSMA Professional Members (\$125 annual dues) to receive NPSMA publications, communications, and expert advice on starting new programs. Write NPSMA at coordinator@npsma.org for additional information.
5. **What are the benefits of becoming an NPSMA Program Member?**
 - o Expert assistance on creating, launching, and expanding PSM programs
 - o NPSMA initiatives to promote the PSM nationally
 - o NPSMA communications ("Ask NPSMA") and publications (annual issues of *THE INNOVATOR* and the *PSM Alumni and Graduation Chronicle*, monthly *PSM News*)
 - o National exposure of your program on professionalsciencemasters.org including the Program Locator
 - o Discounted registrations for the Annual NPSMA Conference and Pre-conference Workshop
 - o Certificates or Digital Badges for Graduates
 - o Use of NPSMA Member Logo and Trademarked PSM Logo
 - o Templates for Program Promotion and Marketing.

Click [HERE](#) for these FAQs and others as the list continues to be updated. Have a specific question? Contact coordinator@npsma.org.

Join us at the 2019 NPSMA National Conference and Pre-conference Workshop to learn more and provide your input into these new directions.



National Conference and Pre-conference Workshop

Register early and save with [Early Bird Registration](#) rates to attend the:

[NPSMA National Conference: PSM Serving Workforce Needs](#), November 7-8

Conference will include sessions on best practices to engage industry, administer and finance PSM Program(s), and make YOUR Program resonate with students, faculty, administrators, and industry leaders. View the [preliminary program](#).

[Pre-conference Workshop: Faculty Engagement with the PSM](#), November 6

Pre-conference Workshop will focus on how to engage and create culture with academic faculty and administrators for on-line and on-campus degrees. More details to come. View the [preliminary program](#).

[Three Minute Presentation 3MP Student Competition](#), November 7

3MP will offer your PSM Student the opportunity to share their PSM Capstone Project with the PSM Community and get public speaking experience at a national conference. View the [competition guidelines and nomination form](#).

All events will be held at the [University of Utah Guest House and Conference Center](#).

Sponsor the national event and add your program, institution, or business name/logo along side our already confirmed event sponsors - [University of Utah](#), [ProQuest](#), and [Advantage Marketing](#). Contact coordinator@npsma.org or visit [HERE](#) for more information. Sponsorship starts at \$250.

Memorial to Carol B. Lynch



We are saddened to report that **Dr. Carol Lynch**, who helped create and was dedicated to the Professional Science Master's movement, has passed away.

Carol was Dean Emerita at the University of Colorado Boulder where she was a Professor of Ecological and Evolutionary Biology. During her distinguished career, she held a Research Career Development Award from NIH, was a Fellow of AAAS, and was President of the Behavior Genetics Association.

She served as the inaugural Council of Graduate Schools / NSF Dean in Residence where she directed professional master's initiatives. Carol served multiple terms as the co-chair of the national PSM Steering Committee and as an officer and member of the NPSMA Board of Directors.

In honor of Carol's tireless advocacy for graduate students and dedicated efforts in the PSM community, the NPSMA is naming its 3MP student competition prize the "[Carol B. Lynch PSM Student Presentation Award](#)." Memorial contributions may be made to this fund [HERE](#).

The NPSMA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and contributions are tax deductible.

PSM Certificates of Completion

The NPSMA is pleased to continue offering PSM Certificates of Completion to graduates of affiliated PSM programs. We are now processing certificates for Summer 2019 graduates. View a sample certificate [HERE](#).

If you are interested in this service, please send a list of names of your students, names of program director(s) or other program official(s) and dates to be shown on the certificate to coordinator@npsma.org. We will send completed certificates to you electronically.

PSM Alumni may also request certificates by filling out the request form for the PSM certificate of completion found at www.professionalsciencemasters.org/certificate-completion-form.

Questions? Contact us at npsma@npsma.org or (508) 471-4487.

Upcoming Deadlines

The INNOVATOR submissions for the 2019 Issue of this peer-reviewed journal are due by **August 15, 2019**. [View the submission guidelines](#). Volunteers are needed to serve as reviewers and members of the Editorial Board. Interested individuals, contact email coordinator@npsma.org.

Three Minute Presentation (5MP) nominations of student projects for presentations at the National Conference are **due August 9**. View the [competition guidelines and nomination form](#).



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***** Early Bird Registration Rates available until August 31, 2019 *****

[Click HERE to register.](#)

NEXT PSM NEWS. Send contributions for the next PSM News to coordinator@npsma.org by **August 10, 2019**.

Join the PSM community on social media: NPSMA members are also encouraged to display our member logo on their social media pages. [Membership Logo](#).
