



# NPSMA

NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL STEM MASTER'S ASSOCIATION

## PSM News

December 2023

### Message from NPSMA President

It's December 2023 and the end of my term as President of the National Professional Stem Master's Association. What a great year it has been for me personally to work with a talented [executive team and Board of Directors](#), whose primary agenda has been to advance the [National Association](#) and [Professional Science Master's](#) program. You will notice I have used links to our new website, including our tagline "Leaders in STEM Workforce Development," because that is our identity!

This year culminated in a wonderful conference at Tampa, FL, where we reconnected with colleagues and met new program directors and faculty. We enjoyed our interactions so much that we are inviting all who attended (and all who couldn't) to an OPEN BOARD MEETING and ASK NPSMA next week, Dec 11th, 2023 at 4 pm EST on [Zoom](#). *Come* meet your NPMSA leadership and *ask* any NPSMA or PSM program related questions that will help you advance your individual program. We look forward to seeing you all.

We look ahead in anticipation as Tim Born begins his term as our new NPSMA President. We know from past experience that he will be an incredible leader.

Our next conference will be in Philadelphia, November 6-9th 2024, Save the Date!

We would love to tell your success stories. Please share your program, students and alumni achievements, so we can share them widely through NPSMA.

Finally, it has been a pleasure and honor to serve, and I will continue engaging with NPSMA and my NPSMA colleagues.

Best regards,

*Seema Freer*

Seema Freer, Ph.D.,  
President, NPSMA  
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### **Become a Beta Tester for msIDP©**

You can help the NPSMA by participating in the evaluation and improvement of its Individual Development Plan for STEM Master's students, a student-directed advising tool. If you haven't downloaded msIDP, would like to do so, and have your program invited to beta-test msIDP, please send a request to Linda Strausbaugh ( [linda.strausbaugh@uconn.edu](mailto:linda.strausbaugh@uconn.edu) ).

### **Publication Submission Reminder:**

.....Make sure to send us your article about a successful alumni with photo so we can get it into the upcoming **PSM ALUMNI and GRADUATION CHRONICLE!** This publication highlights successful PSM Alumni and PSM program graduates. Send articles to NPSMA VP for Publications [Dagmar Beck \(dkbeck@rice.edu\)](mailto:dkbeck@rice.edu)

## NPSMA Annual Membership Renewal Invoices

Invoices for annual NPSMA membership renewal dues have been sent out and are past due. The annual dues are for \$525 (one affiliated program), \$1,050 (two affiliated programs), \$1,575 (three affiliated programs), and \$2,100 (four or more affiliated programs). If you have any issues or questions, please contact Operations Manager Derek Payne at [manager@npsma.org](mailto:manager@npsma.org).

### In case you missed it...

- **Fall 2022 curated issue of the [PSM Alumni and Graduation CHRONICLE](#).** This yearly NPSMA publication features alumni and student profiles to demonstrate the full-range competitive advantage of a PSM degree, and highlights why PSM programs are attracting students from across the globe. Click [HERE](#) to read the latest issue.
- **"Ask NPSMA" Presentations.** View many of these previously engaging sessions anytime, along with other PSM videos on the [PSM YouTube Channel](#). Additional videos are being continually added, so check back often.

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