

August Program Committee Newsletter

Dear PAS Program Committee:

We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! This is the first of our monthly newsletters designed to foster collaborative interaction and communicate about upcoming tasks and deadlines.

Mark your calendars for **Sept. 4 at 1:30 pm Central** when Program Committee Chair Pat Brophy will hold a **kick-off call to launch the PAS 2020 program planning year**. He'll share more information about the new collaborative initiatives for the meeting, including [Cross-Disciplinary Spotlight and Learning Pathways](#).

- The **call for scientific session proposals** is open until Oct. 2. This includes Scholarly Sessions, Workshops, Clubs, Expert Round Table Discussions (formerly Meet the Professor), Presidential Plenaries, and APA SIGs. **Please reach out to the membership of your societies and encourage participation.** More information is available [here](#).
- We've attached an updated list of **PAS 2020 Topic Areas**, reflecting PC feedback and decisions made by the Abstract Review Task Force and the Operating Committee, with the goal of streamlining the submission areas and managing submission behavior.
- The **Call for Volunteers** opens Sept. 4-Oct. 7. In response to feedback, the volunteer process has been streamlined—no more separate volunteer forms! Volunteers will be directed to the **Submission** site to answer questions for the volunteer types they are interested in, all in one step.
 - Also new this year: we are recruiting **MOC Reviewers** to assess learners' comments after the meeting. We still welcome Program Committee involvement but hope to broaden the reviewer pool and reduce our reliance on committee members for this important task. Many thanks to those who participated for 2019!
- If you haven't had a chance to log in to the [PAS Program & Events Center](#) (PPEC) and complete your **COI disclosures**, please do so by **Sept. 9**.
- We encourage you to use the [Program Committee Portal](#) as your go-to source for important materials and we welcome your feedback, either directly or via the [Program Committee Feedback site](#).

Lastly, please save the date for the **Oct. 23 Scholarly Session teleconference and Feb. 8 Program Committee meeting in The Woodlands, TX**. More details about Scholarly Session review will be in next newsletter.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks!

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SAVE THE DATE: **PAS 2020 Meeting** | April 29–May 6, 2020 | Philadelphia, PA
April 29–May 1 • Pre-conference Events | May 2-5 • PAS 2020 Meeting | May 6 • Post-conference Events