

## September Program Committee Newsletter

*“Every time I attend PAS, I leave with an inspiration and enthusiasm to continue clinical inquiry.” ~ PAS 2019 attendee*

Dear Program Committee Members,

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the PAS 2020 Program Committee Kickoff Call on Sept. 4 with Pat Brophy. As always, your questions and feedback help us make the process better, and we appreciate your time. If you couldn't join us, the recorded session is available on the [Program Committee webpage](#). It is password protected (password PAS 2020).

Here's what's on our radar for September and October:

- The **call for scientific session proposals** closes Oct. 2. **Please reach out to the membership of your societies and encourage participation.** Think about the cutting edge science you'd really like to see at PAS 2020 and create a session yourself or urge a colleague to address those topics. The stronger the input at this stage, the stronger the sessions in May.
  - Remember that Scholarly Sessions, Workshops, Clubs, Expert Round Table Discussions (formerly Meet the Professor), Presidential Plenaries, and APA SIGs all have the same submission window. More information is available [here](#).
  - The new **Collaborative Initiatives** and **Learning Pathways** should provide some interesting new opportunities for developing engaging sessions. Submitters can mark the pathways as a **Track** along with all other specialty areas.
- The **Call for Volunteers** is open until Oct. 7. PC members will be able to review volunteers following the Scholarly Session selection process at the end of October.

### PC Action Items for September

- **COI Disclosures – Sept. 9**  
Make sure you log in to the [PAS Program & Events Center](#) (PPEC) and complete your **COI disclosures** by **Sept. 9**.
- **Designated Selectors – Sept. 20**  
We created a form to facilitate collection of “**designated selectors**” for each society. Please have the designated selector provide her/his contact information [here](#) by **Sept. 20**.
  - The randomly generated **Order of Selection** is attached for your convenience. An updated version will be posted on the PC webpage when all selectors are finalized.
  - We will send calendar invites to the selectors as reminders for the individual time slots.
- **Topic Area Descriptions – Sept. 27**  
To help abstract submitters properly categorize their submissions, we're working to revise the descriptions of the scientific topic areas, which were created several years ago and haven't been used for a while. We need your input!

- The current descriptions are [available for review here](#). The file is also on the [Program Committee webpage](#).
- Please use [this form](#) to submit your text revisions/additions.
- For topics with subcategories, coordinating chairs/team members can decide to list only the general description, or can provide descriptions for each subcategory—your choice.
- If multiple definitions are submitted, we'll work with PC members to resolve the wording.

## Important dates

### Scholarly Sessions and Volunteers

- Sept. 9 Deadline for completing COI disclosures
- Sept. 20 Deadline for providing designated selector contact info
- Sept. 27 Deadline for revisions to topic area descriptions
- Oct. 2 Call for Scholarly Sessions and Ancillary Events closes
- Oct. 4-15 Scholarly Session Review
- Oct. 7 Call for Volunteers closes
- Oct. 16-23 Scholarly Session Selection
- Oct. 23 PC Teleconference: Scholarly Session Finalization (2-5 pm CT)
- Nov. 8 Scholarly Session Notification

### Workshops and APA SIGs

- Oct. 10-24 Workshop and APA SIG Review
- Oct. 28-Nov. 18 Workshop Selection
- @Dec. 5 Workshop and APA SIG Notification

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you again for your time and attention as we get ready for the first big phases of program creation in October. We appreciate all you do!

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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