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NPSMA Quarterly Workshop to be held on September 9-10 in Springfield, MA

The NPSMA will be hosting its third Quarterly Workshop of the year on the evening of Wednesday, September 9 and all day Thursday, September 10 at the Springfield, Massachusetts Marriott. A copy of the program flyer and online registration are available at www.npsma.org/quarterlyworkshop.html.

Highlights of the workshop:

- The release of the NPSMA's *Alumni Employment Survey Report*
- A panel discussion featuring major employer, biotechnology council, and workforce development board representatives
- A Question & Answer session devoted to the recently released NSF Science Master's Program grant solicitation (see below)
- Updates on all statewide and system-wide PSM implementations, with special focus on UMass and SUNY
- Continued discussion of the NPSMA PSM Peer Review Concept
- A panel discussion with PSM alumni and students sharing their experiences on employment, internships, and curriculum
- PSM Networking Social
- Report on the *Roster of PSM Employer Partners*

For Greater Springfield tourism information, go to www.valleyvisitor.org.

National Science Foundation Releases much- anticipated Science Master's solicitation

The NSF has released the solicitation for their Science Master's Program funded as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Information may be found at www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09607/nsf09607.htm?WT.mc_id=USNSF_25.

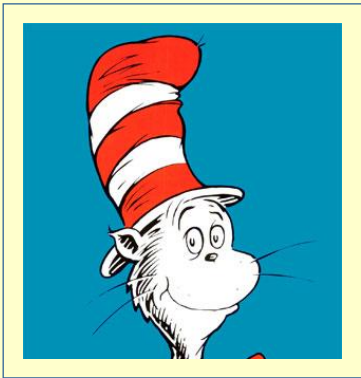
Key dates:

Letter of Intent Due Date (required): October 5, 2009

Full Proposal Deadline: November 20, 2009

Summary:

Estimated Number of Awards: 21 awards; up to \$700,000 per award, depending on the quality of awards.



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NPSMA Leaders participate in Pennsylvania System-wide PSM planning meeting

On August 14, Lawrence Fritz, Assistant Vice President & Dean for Graduate Studies and Research at Bloomsburg University, convened a meeting of administrators and faculty from fourteen colleges and universities of PASSHE (Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education).

NPSMA Executive Director Stephen Lemire, Academic Liaison Sheila Tobias, and Convener Loida Escote-Carlson (Penn State) were the guest speakers and panelists. Alison Stone-Briggs of Bloomsburg University facilitated a lively discussion of all participants who were challenged to investigate which PSM degree disciplines would be appropriate for their campuses and which model of administration might work best for the PASSHE system.

Vice Chancellor Jim Moran addressed the attendees and offered them encouragement and ongoing support from his office. The NPSMA will remain involved with helping to implement the PASSHE PSM.

Nominations for 2010 NPSMA Board of Directors

The National Professional Science Master's Association Board of Directors sets the policy, determines the agenda, and provides oversight for the funding and operation of the NPSMA. Board Members make a time commitment for regular conference calls, committee leadership, face-to-face Board meetings twice yearly, attendance at the national conference, participation in at least one quarterly workshop per year, and must contribute to the overall mission.

The NPSMA needs to fill four vacant positions on the Board of Directors for 2010. Paid-to-date members of the NPSMA are invited to nominate themselves or other NPSMA members to the Board of Directors. The Board's Nomination Committee will present the slate of candidates, along with their CVs, to the NPSMA membership prior to the vote which will be conducted electronically in mid-October. The nomination procedures and requirements are as follows:

1. The nominator and the nominee must both have paid their NPSMA membership dues in full by the time of nomination.
2. The nomination must consist of:
 - a cover letter stating the name of the nominee and why the nominator thinks the nominee is a good candidate.
 - the curriculum vitae of the nominee
3. The potential nominee must be able to commit sufficient time to serve on the Board to his/her fullest capacity.
4. All nomination materials must be received by the Nominating Committee of the NPSMA no later than September 10, 2009. Materials should be sent to Board Officers Loida Escote-Carlson, lecarlson@npsma.org and Liz Friedman, friedman@npsma.org.

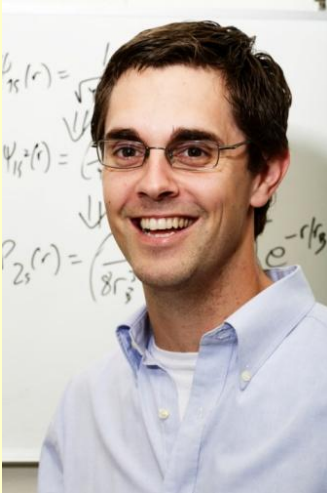


NPSMA Academic Liaison Sheila Tobias (above) and Alison Stone-Briggs of Bloomsburg University (below) helped facilitate the recent PASSHE PSM planning meeting.



NPSMA Vice President Liz Friedman and NPSMA Convener Loida Escote-Carlson oversee the nominations process.

Final Days for PSM Grads to Complete Alumni Employment Survey



This summer, the NPSMA has been conducting the first-ever **PSM Alumni Employment Survey** which asks graduates about their degree, their employer (industry & size), and their employment status (including salary). This confidential questionnaire contains only twelve questions and takes each respondent no more than five minutes to complete.

Please direct your PSM alumni to www.npsma.org where they will find the survey link on the home page. The last day for PSM alumni to complete the survey is August 25.

With the final day to collect data approaching, we have had nearly 300 responses (a 13% response rate). The survey report will be presented at the September 9-10 NPSMA Quarterly Workshop in Springfield, Massachusetts.

We thank PSM program directors for their outreach efforts in contacting their graduates about this study and PSM alumni for taking the time to complete the survey.

"We are grateful for the support of our academic institution members. The vision, leadership, and resources that they have provided the NPSMA and other PSM degree programs have been invaluable."

-Stephen Lemire,
NPSMA Executive Director

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PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORY

_____ 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

PLEASE PRINT, COMPLETE FORM AND INCLUDE WITH PAYMENT TO THE **NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE MASTER'S ASSOCIATION**. PAYMENT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

QUESTIONS: STEPHEN LEMIRE, (508) 831-4996, SLEMIRE@NPSMA.ORG

PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW

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