

## September Program Committee Newsletter

Dear Program Committee Members,

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the PAS 2021 Program Committee Kickoff Call on Sept. 10. 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 PAS2021).

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

- The **call for scientific session proposals** closes Oct. 6. **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 2021 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, Rounds With Experts (formerly Meet the Professor), Presidential Plenaries, PAS SIGs, and APA SIGs all have the same submission window. More information is available [here](#).
  - The **Cross-Disciplinary Spotlight** 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. 13. 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. 21**  
Make sure you log in to the [PAS Program & Events Center](#) (PPEC) and complete your **COI disclosures** by **Sept. 21**.
- **Designated Selectors – Sept. 22**  
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. 22**.
  - 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.

### Important dates

#### Scholarly Sessions and Volunteers

- Sept. 21 Deadline for completing COI disclosures
- Sept. 22 Deadline for providing designated selector contact info
- Oct. 6 Call for Scholarly Sessions and Ancillary Events closes
- Oct. 9-21 Scholarly Session Review
- Oct. 13 Call for Volunteers closes
- Oct. 22-26 Scholarly Session Selection

- Oct. 28 PC Teleconference: Scholarly Session Finalization (2-4 pm CT)
- Nov. 13 Scholarly Session Notification
- TBD Monthly Placeholder invitations for Program Committee calls as needed (Nov-March)

#### **Workshops and APA SIGs**

- Oct. 30-Nov. 9 Workshop and APA SIG Review
- Nov. 9-19 Workshop Selection
- Nov. 30-Dec. 14 Workshop Scheduling
- @Dec. 14 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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