Science Societies

Supporting new Society members

Initiatives launched to help navigate first months of membership

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We recently asked board members for one piece of advice they'd have for new members just getting started with the Societies. They said get involved early, connect with as many other members as possible, and seek out opportunities to engage and volunteer. The consensus was that being an engaged member brings professional and leadership opportunities, connections, mentorship, and support.

The Societies are launching several new initiatives designed to help new members make the most of their first months of membership, build these connections, and discover opportunities to get involved.

Starting at CANVAS and continuing virtually this December, our New Member Orientation and Networking sessions will offer new members an introduction to the Societies and connect them with established members who can share their experiences and answer their questions. Starting in 2027, virtual sessions will take place every other month. Register here.

We are also launching a New Members Circle in the Member Hub, designed to continue the discussions and connections started during orientation, and provide an open forum for new members to introduce themselves, ask questions, find helpful resources, and stay connected.

One of the new resources available in this space is our New Member Field Guide, which provides a step-by-step approach to getting involved with the Societies by breaking down key opportunities for members to take advantage of in their first three months.

Becoming a member of the Societies opens the door to so many new resources that it can be difficult to know where to begin. Together, these efforts aim to help our newest members navigate the abundance of opportunities that come with a membership in

ASA, CSSA, and SSSA!

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