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Professional and Scientific Council

April Council Meeting

Thursday, April 7, 2022

2:10 p.m.

The April general council meeting will be conducted as a hybrid event

- Join in-person: Room 3580, Memorial Union
- Join via [Webex](#)
- Join by phone: +1-312-535-8110 United States Toll (Chicago)
- Access code: 2620 867 3945



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Election update - a message from your Professional and Scientific Council

Due to issues with technology, on March 29, the Professional and Scientific Council Executive Committee made the decision to suspend the 2022 Professional and Scientific Council councilor election.

The technology issues some of our constituents had experienced had become too great to ignore and we want to ensure the integrity of the ballot. Professional and Scientific Council committees will be implementing improved voting plans.

Votes received during the voting period of March 22-25 will not be counted and an all-new election will be held at a date to be announced. Watch for more information to come.

You can contact [councilors](#) in your representation area with any questions or concerns. See the [nominees](#) for the 2022 Professional and Scientific Council election.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Outstanding work rewarded with P&S Council CYtation Awards

Forty-one Iowa State University employees have received Professional & Scientific Council CYtation Awards for outstanding work and contributions to ISU in 2021.



In all, 16 individuals and four teams from across the university community were honored at the awards ceremony March 24 at the Alumni Center's Reiman Ballroom, the first in-person CYtation ceremony in two years. Individual award winners present are shown in the photo at left, with council president Chris Johnsen.

CYtation Awards recognize Professional and Scientific employees - particularly those who might not otherwise receive public recognition - who go above and beyond the call of duty; do something extraordinarily well; and act in such a way as to make a real difference in the institution.

The ceremony opened with comments from Iowa State University President Wendy Wintersteen, who said, "We have made it through one of the most extraordinary times in our history and we've done it together. And we can come back together in a room like this to celebrate individuals for their leadership, and the impact that they've had. This is a good thing."

Johnsen said, "It's great to recognize the individuals in-person and in front of the senior leadership, but also, it's an important event to have every year because there's such great work that occurs here every single year. Coming out of the pandemic, there's just so much cause for celebration of all the great work of Professional & Scientific staff do."

Details of the outstanding work done by the 2021 CYtation Award recipients can be found on the [Awards page](#) of the Professional and Scientific Council web site.

P&S Council executive officers for 2022-23 elected

During its March 2022 general council meeting Professional and Scientific Council elected new council officers for 2022-23.

Congratulations to:

[Patrick Wall](#), elected as President-Elect

[Sarah Larkin](#), elected as Vice President for University Community Relations

[Marlene Jacks](#), elected as Vice President for Equity and Inclusion

[Susan DeBlieck](#), elected as Secretary-Treasurer



Their terms will begin July 1, 2022.

[Jamie Sass](#) will serve as President and [Chris Johnsen](#) will serve as Past-President for the 2022-23 council year.

Peer Expert Community Committee is new P&S Council offering; will foster professional outreach and communication



Professional and Scientific Council is pleased to announce the formation of a new committee that will work to unite staff professionals across Iowa State as they engage in communication and fellowship.

The Peer Expert Community Committee will be chaired by Professional and Scientific Council past president Sara Parris, who says, "When I came to work at Iowa State in 2015, I found myself feeling very isolated. There were many times where I thought to

myself, 'Someone on campus has to be doing this, and doing it well, but I have no idea who they are or how to find them.' I am very excited to share with you this idea I had several years ago that is now, finally, coming to fruition."

The new committee will utilize Canvas to implement group discussion and ad-hoc committee members will be recruited. The goal is to establish communication groups representing many different areas of work contributed by ISU Professional and Scientific staff.

Watch for more information to come, and contact [Sara Parris](#) with any questions or concerns.

Win the war with your computer files! Join us for "What Not To Name Your Files" April 13



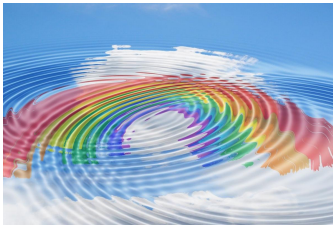
Drowning in data? Immersed in images? Wallowing in Word documents? You're not alone. If finding your digital things is more luck than logic then it might be time for a change.

Professional and Scientific Council invites you to join Megan O'Donnell, the data services librarian at the ISU Library, April 13 at 2 p.m. to learn how to organize and manage your data. "What Not to Name Your Files" will give a brief overview of how file and folder names affect our ability to find things, tips for establishing logical and intuitive systems, and, of course, what to never ever name your files.

This event will be held in a hybrid format. You may attend in person in Room 3580 (formerly the Gallery Room), Memorial Union, or attend virtually via [Webex](#).

This seminar will also be posted on [Learn@ISU](#) at a later date.

May, June Seminar Series events look at "Colors" in communication and personal well-being



Mark your calendar for our May and June Seminar Series events: "Mindful Communication Using Colors," May 10, 2-3 p.m., Room 3580 Memorial Union; and "Stroll Into Summer: Well-Being Wherever You Are," June 13, 2 p.m., Room 3580, Memorial Union

Mindful Communication will be a hybrid event. Watch for remote access information on the [Seminar Series page](#) of the Professional and Scientific Council web site and in the May 3 council newsletter.

"Stroll Into Summer" will be an in-person event only. Weather permitting, there will be an experiential outdoor component. To ensure there will be enough printed materials available, please pre-register for this event by June 10. Look for more information on the [Seminar Series web page](#) and in the May 3 council newsletter.

Recorded versions of both seminars will be posted on [Learn@ISU](#) on a later date.

"Writing Your Retirement Paycheck" presents insight on key financial options – it's free to ISU employees

How can I be sure my retirement funds will last my lifetime?

This important question will be addressed in an Iowa State University Extension and Outreach workshop on Tuesdays April 26 and May 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the 4-H Extension Building in Ames. The workshop is free to ISU employees with a coupon code.



"Writing Your Retirement Paycheck" is designed to provide information and resources needed by those approaching retirement within the next ten years. According to Barb Wollan, Extension Human Sciences Specialist and workshop leader, topics include inflation, health costs, Social Security, required minimum distributions, income tax, and more. "Individuals need to make their own decisions about retirement," says Wollan, "but clear and non-commercial information is a necessary ingredient for decision-making."

Wollan points out that even those who work with a trusted financial professional must ultimately make the decisions themselves. A financial professional can suggest or recommend products and strategies, but it is the consumer who decides and then lives with the results of the decisions.

The workshop is open to the public; a fee of \$25 per person or per couple will help to offset direct expenses and to support the Human Sciences County Extension Program. Employees of ISU are eligible

for a coupon to cover the cost of participation, thanks to funding from the FINRA Foundation for financial wellness at work. Employees should register using their ISU email address, and use the coupon code "ISUSTAFF."

[Register online](#) by April 24. Space is limited. Contact Barb Wollan (bwollan@iastate.edu or 515-832-9597) with any questions.

Did you know? ISU Recreation Services offers many health options for one monthly fee

Did you know for less than \$30 per month ISU staff can utilize more than 100 recreational spaces, rent affordable outdoor equipment, participate in intramural sports and participate in a wide variety of fitness classes with ISU Recreation Services?



Rec Services strives to create exceptional experiences in a respectful, welcoming, and fun environment while empowering the ISU community to enhance personal well-being. Included are two bouldering walls, a 40-foot top rope wall, three indoor tracks and pool access, all located on the ISU main campus.

A large number of group fitness classes are also available, with offerings such as yoga, dance, strength training, and aqua exercise.

These services and more are available with a membership. ISU staff may pay by cash, check, Ubill, card or payroll deduction.

Staff who are new to ISU or have never used a Recreation Services facility can take advantage of a seven-day trial membership.

[Find more detail](#) about offerings or [register for your seven-day trial membership](#)

Highlighting ISU Staff: Afton Erdmann, Accounts Receivable

This month we recognize Afton Erdmann, Accounts Receivable Specialist.

Afton was nominated by Jennifer Schroeder, who said, "Recently, Afton was tasked with preparing Federal Perkins Loans to be reassigned to the Federal Department of Education as part of federal regulations.

"Afton had to comb through decades of loan documents (both paper and electronic) to ensure proper information was sorted and labeled to be mailed to the Department of Education. With a deadline of June 30, Afton exceeded the deadline and mailed over 1,200 loan portfolio documents in March. This was the first time the AR Office had been tasked with such a large project but Afton took the reins and made it happen!!"



Congratulations Afton, and thank you for all you do!

You can nominate a fellow Professional and Scientific employee (or team of employees) for Highlighting ISU Staff! It only takes a few minutes. Submit your nominations using the Highlighting ISU Staff [form](#) to tell us about a P&S employee or team doing great work in your area. The form will ask you to tell us about who you are highlighting and why in 100 words or less, and to include a picture of the person, team, or output for which they are being highlighted.

One submission will be regularly included in the newsletter as determined by the P&S Council Awards Committee. Other submissions will be featured on social media with the tag #highlightingISUstaff, on council's Highlighting ISU Staff [web page](#), and/or included in future newsletters.

Chris Johnsen is the 2021-22 Professional and Scientific Council President.



[Email](#) President Chris Johnsen

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