Colleagues: Apparently, the proximity of both the SfN meeting in California and the Thanksgiving holiday to our December 1 submissions deadline has made it unusually difficult for some of our members to meet the December 1 deadline.    The EPA Board of Directors, therefore, has extended the submissions deadline to December 12, 5 PM EST.  Note, however, that December 1 remains the deadline for members to receive the early membership/registration rates for the meeting.  If you are a member and plan to submit by December 12, remember to join or renew your membership by December 1.  If you've already submitted, you can ignore this message.

 The submissions portal is open now and will close promptly at 5:00 PM EST on December 12, 2022.   To access the portal, please use the login information on the Members Only page.  Please be certain to read the [EPA submissions guidelines](http://www.easternpsychological.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3508) and the [FAQs](http://www.easternpsychological.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3319) prior to preparing your submission.  Please remember that only Members, Fellows, Graduate students and Associates (i.e., student members) with an expiration date of May 31, 2023, may submit proposals for the meeting (see Memberships and Dues below).

Student submissions: All Associates *must* have a faculty sponsor who, at the time of the submission, is a current EPA Member with dues paid for the current year (exp. 5/31/2023).

The deadline for the special *undergraduate* poster session also is December 12, 2022, 5:00 PM.  Please see the Undergraduate submission guidelines [here.](https://www.easternpsychological.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3574)

The 2023 meeting will continue EPA's tradition of offering cutting edge developments in psychological science, application and teaching in the form of exciting lectures, symposia and posters.  Don’t delay: complete your research project and prepare to submit.  Check our website regularly for the updated list of invited keynote presentations and other news.

Finally, [EPA] welcomes proposals for projects that are underway but not yet completed, as long as your project will be complete in time for the conference. If this applies to you, then we have two recommendations for your long abstract. First, describe how far along you are in the process. For example, you might say that you have received IRB approval and will begin data collection in 2 weeks, or perhaps you have already collected 10% of the data. Second, we recommend that you describe the analyses and results that you anticipate. For example, you might say “I plan to conduct a 2×3 ANOVA with Y as the dependent variable,”  or you might describe the statistical tests you will use to test each hypothesis.  These steps will communicate that you are serious about completing the project and will indicate how well the project is designed. Submitters will not be penalized in the review process if the project is not yet complete.

Other things to remember:

* IMPORTANT:  You will receive an email acknowledgement of your submission.  If you don't receive it, something's amiss and you should write to us.  Add epaexecofficer@gmail.com to your email contacts to ensure that you receive all important notices about your submission.
* IMPORTANT:   The actual date of emailed decisions will be posted on the EPA website.  When that date is posted, you should have heard something – if not write to:  epaexecofficer@gmail.com.   Do not wait until January 25 or later to ask about the decision.  If you haven’t heard by the posted date, write to us.
* IMPORTANT:  The December 12 deadline is firm.
* IMPORTANT: The program will be published online at the EPA website in late January.  This will be your first opportunity to look at the overall program and to learn when your presentation has been scheduled.  Be sure to check the PDF for your name, title and abstract, date and time of your presentation.  We cannot correct errors that were in your submission.
* We will print a limited number of bound copies of the program, which you can order online when you renew your membership.  In addition to the pdf version on the EPA website, there will be a digital program app available for smart phones, tablets and computers.

Memberships and Dues

Dues:  At its last meeting, the EPA Board of Directors approved a new membership fee schedule that went into effect on September 1, 2022 and shown in the following table:

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|   | **Early****Before 12/1/22** | **Regular****12/1/22- 2/25/23** | **Late****After 2/25/23** |
| Undergraduate (EPA Associate) | $35 | $35 | $50 |
| Graduate Student | $55 | $55 | $75 |
| Member | $85 | $110 | $150 |

Notes:  EPA members may present one paper, one poster and one symposium as first (or presenting) author at the meeting.  Graduate students may present one paper and one poster as first (or presenting) author at the meeting.   Undergraduates (EPA Associates) may present one poster as first (or presenting) author at the meeting.  There is no limit on the number of presentations an individual may appear on as a co-author.  Graduate students my choose to register as EPA Associates, in which case they my present only one poster as first author.

Anniversary Society:  To acknowledge and celebrate EPA’s 125th anniversary in 2020, the EPA Board of Directors established a new category of membership, the Anniversary Society.  This level of membership is available to all members and fellows.  Membership in the Anniversary Society signifies a special commitment to EPA’s mission and carries a number of additional external benefits:  a designation in the program as a “125th year member,” recognition at the meeting, and additional EPA merchandise.  The cost of joining EPA as an Anniversary Society member is $125 *before*February 25, 2023.

To pay dues, go to [www.easternpsychological.org](http://www.easternpsychological.org/), and login with your user name and password in the box, Current Members Start Here.  Then click on the Renew Your Membership tab on the right side of the page.  Use your credit card to pay your dues.  I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Thanks again for your membership in EPA,

Paul Schnur, Ph.D.