PSG Membership Committee Annual Report

2023 PSG Membership Report

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Summary
By February 1st, there were 511 active members. This is a 5% increase from last year with 485 memberships by the end of last January. Individual memberships have increased while student memberships have decreased (Fig. 1). HELPS memberships have increased for both students and early career scientists (Fig. 1), with PSG supporting 21 students and 17 early career scientists through the HELPS program. Most members have a California (63) and Washington/Oregon (58) affiliation (Fig. 2). Followed by Canada (49) and Non-pacific US (43).

Action items completed:
• We have a new membership coordinator to take on membership duties.
• During data transfer to Wild Apricot many memberships were automatically renewed, membership expiration dates on members’ profiles in Wild Apricot have been fixed.
• Emailed lapsed members from 2022 encouraging them to renew their memberships.

Items in progress:
• Training the new membership coordinator to be able to take over the role by the end of the year.
• Updating the PSG Membership Coordinator Handbook.
• Filling in blank fields for region (see below).

Issue encountered:
• There has been an issue in the past with a member with multiple accounts. It might be worth while to take some time and review members to determine if/how many duplicate accounts there may be and reaching out to members to merge the data.
• There seems to be a large number of members with no region associated with their accounts. Considering sending out a Google form to help gather this data and manually enter the information in accounts on Wild Apricot.
Figure 1. Current members by membership type as of February 1, 2024.

Figure 2. Current members by region affiliation as of February 1, 2024. 198 accounts did not have a region associated with them.