Chris Crandall
Candidate Statement

SPSP needs a forward-looking publication program, built on a solid foundation of excellent editors, a genuinely diverse group reviewers, and commitment to excellence in science and progress in the SPSP publication program. SPSP has a commitment to making our science widely available; there is still more we can do.

The publication program is the single most important source of funds for SPSP, making possible our excellent staff, low membership fees, student awards, the small grants program, diversity awards, student travel, community catalyst awards to support member diversity, and other essential building blocks of the field. SPSP must plan to balance our commitment to open science, transparency, and the accessibility of our science with a model that accepts subscriptions with large private and public universities and uses these funds to nurture early career researchers, provide teaching support, travel to conferences, and the other functions of a scientific society. I think SPSP has done terrific work with this money, and a publication policy must simultaneously offer (1) access to our work and (2) funds to grow and support the next generation of scientists and scholars.

This means pushing libraries to enhance availability, and it means working with Sage to increase access. PSPB and PSPR are available for free to over 7,000 institutions in the developing world in over 100 countries. But there is more we can do. We can create virtual issues with collections of articles based on events in the news (e.g., elections, Black Lives Matters protests, wars in Ukraine, Yemen, Ethiopia and Myanmar, claims about critical race theory), which Sage can make available freely to all and offer several opportunities to write an introductory essay to our members. We can continue to educate authors about making their work independently available; we can integrate preprint servers more clearly and visibly with the journals, SPSP, and more. We can implement TOP standards in a way that is most effective for scientific progress.

Working with editors, we can offer more training and opportunity for ECRs and graduate students to review for our journals. We can offer training in integrity and publication ethics—our journals are signatories to COPE standards, and their site offers a graduate-level education in ethical issues in publication (see https://publicationethics.org/). We should promote an array publishing-related content at SPSP Meetings, ranging from introductory level help to high-level discussions of philosophy and practice.

Finally, now that graduate students are full voting members of SPSP, we need to to assure permanent graduate student voting representation on the Board. This is not currently in place, but must be.

To succeed in reaching these goals, we need only imagination to interact with experience and determination. They are all within reach.