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Candidate Statement

I hope my experience having been the President of two academic societies (ISPP and SASP) can be utilised to advance the field's largest and most representative and dynamic society, SPSP. I am seeking to be a member at large Publishing. I have served as Associate Editor & Co-Editor of PSPB and Political Psychology, respectively and have published widely across my career. I have attended a number of SPSP conferences, pre-conferences and facilitated students attending the Summer Institute. I am interested in serving to 'give-back' and contribute to the ongoing success of SPSP.

Thinking about the SPSP Board of Directors and its strategic and varied committee work, my view is that more can be done to grow the internationalisation of SPSP including in its publications. The contribution and importance of SPSP for the field also comes to the fore when thinking about graduate and ECR opportunities. Is there more we could do to build strong internationally-based regional networks, mentoring opportunities, and translational and impact skills?

COVID-19 and its disruption provides an opportunity for us to revisit and rethink the key roles and activities of SPSP. I am not advocating for change necessarily, the activities of SPSP are outstanding and well-supported by members. I do think it is timely to tactically consider key questions such as Are the current activities the right ones or should we add to these in light of an urgent need to reconnect face-to-face as a community over the next few years? Are there now additional new on-line ways to connect and engage in scientific discourse that enables a more international and diverse SPSP? How can we do more to best support education and training of graduates and ECRs? Given behaviour change is at the centre of the human challenges we all face, are there new opportunities to further connect the activities and membership of SPSP to increase public and scientific impact?

Broadly considering these questions with wide input from members will ensure we best position SPSP at this cross-road to help ensure its vibrant and successful future. I am keen to support such a mission and get insights from you as members.