Dear APA SIG chairs,

Welcome to summer! I hope all the new SIG chairs are doing well after their first few months and getting going as part of their SIG leadership teams. Summer is a fairly light season but there a few items for updates.

- 1. Please be sure you have submitted your SIG annual reports to Laura Turner via this <u>link</u>. These will be used to update your webpage and are a requirement for the SIG to continue.
- 2. Speaking of webpages, we expect the new APA website to debut in the fall.
- 3. Thanks to the many of you who spent your 2018 SIG money on creative networking ideas, such as social hours for more junior members to be able to network in their interest areas. Please do your best to spend down your account before the APA fall board meeting in October. You can use funds to pre-pay for some expenses at the next PAS. Funds disappear by the end of December if you do not spend them. I will propose an increase from \$300 to \$500 annually per SIG. This will succeed only if SIGs are spending their funds on mission-driven activities.
- 4. As it was for the last two years, SIG program deadlines are early. Links to submit will arrive to you later in the summer, so you should be planning your 2019 PAS programming now.
- 5. The main SIG effort for the year is seeing how the SIG mentor program goes and expanding it. 23 SIGs have been matched with mentors, and one more is close to being matched. For the 20 SIGs without mentors, please let me know if you are interested. Please let us know how the SIG mentor processes and overall program is going.
- 6. SIG chair terms. APA policy is that SIG chairs serve 3-year terms with one chance for renewal. If you are over your term, please let us know who the new SIG chair is so that mailing lists and communications can be updated. Prior SIG chairs make terrific SIG mentors . . .

Sincerely,

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