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Diving Deeper Discussions Host

Volunteer

The American Scientific Affiliation (ASA) was founded in 1941 as a professional society and international fellowship of Christians engaged in the interface of vital faith-science questions. The mission of the ASA is interpreting, integrating, and communicating the discoveries of science with insights of Scripture and Christian theology.

The ASA has about 4,000 members and followers worldwide. Our vision is to serve our members in expressing their vocational gifting and call from God in service to society, science, the church, and one another. This is accomplished through core values of intellectual humility, courageous curiosity, and radical hospitality.

Diving Deeper Discussions (DDD): One of the ASA's standing programs is Diving Deeper Discussions which occurs monthly and involves an interview of a recent article author from the ASA journal, *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*. In addition, the program also includes book review authors along with authors of those books that are reviewed, and plenary speakers from Annual Meetings. We are interested in expanding the program to include authors from *God and Nature* as well as interviews related to member vocational journeys. The goal for a given year is to have a collection of 6 Perspectives-related guests, 2 God and Nature guests, 2 plenary speakers, and 2 vocational journeys programs.

Position Summary: The Diving Deeper Discussions Host is responsible for the content and quality of the DDD program, from the development of ideas for invited guests, the solicitation of questions before the program, the hosting of the program (or the arrangement of a host), and follow-up related to posting materials. This work is done in collaboration with ASA team who support the program through advertising, technical support, and communications related to announcements. The Host also works with the Leadership Team to ensure the profile of the invited guests support the overall mission of the ASA, and with editors of the ASA publications out of which guests are invited.

Report: This position has a great deal of autonomy and reports to the Leadership Team while working closely with the publication editors.

Primary Areas of Responsibility:

1. Oversees and implements the entire process of program in a timely manner and with clear communication with all parties—Leadership Team, potential guests, and staff support team—from initial inquiry of a potential guest through to the posting of the recorded program and thank-you to the participants. These steps and all communication models have been clearly laid out by the previous host.
2. Recruits alternative hosts for individual programs.
3. Works with Leadership Team and publication editors on the schedule for a year and topics.
4. Hosts the program with support from ASA Team.
5. Develops a sense of awareness, connection, and persuasion to ensure that topics, questions, and conversation management involve individuals from many different fields to enhance interdisciplinary discussion to the long-term benefit of the ASA.

Collaborative Responsibilities:

This position requires strong collaborative with publication editors, Leadership Team, and ASA Team.

Qualifications: Master's Degree, ideally in a field related to the natural or social sciences or related field; extensive interest and curiosity in a broad range of topics, experience in facilitating conversations; familiarity with DDD.

Personal Skills: Time management, communication skills, attention to detail, organized, strong collaborator, and ability to problem solve and work as a team player (especially when things go wrong).

Starting Date: April 1, 2024

Hours: Estimated at 10 hours/month

Compensation: This is a volunteer position and the ASA would welcome creative proposals to take on aspects of the job in collaboration with others.

Application Materials

1. Cover letter with personal statement showing your interest in the position and describing your qualifications for the position, and your vision for DDD
2. Curriculum Vitae or Resume
3. Names and contact information for the following:
 - a. At least two professional references
 - b. Spiritual reference (such as a pastor or other spiritual leader with whom you interact)
4. Submit your material as a *single* PDF file to **Janel Curry** at janel@asa3.org.