

DATE: March 28

TO: advisors and officers

**SUBJECT: Answers to Top Qs About Managing
Your Chapter Online**



In this issue, Psi Chi staff like Martha and Cynthia (pictured above) wish to begin by thanking you for supporting Psi Chi, especially during these challenging times! Passionate chapter leaders like you make our Society possible. Thank you!

You are invited to join Psi Chi for a live Chapter Chat on April 30 at 2 p.m. EST. We'll discuss our new [Virtual Induction Ceremony](#) and unique ways to run your chapter remotely! 100 attendees max. RSVP to Cynthia.Wilson@psichi.org. Also, watch the [Website Events Calendar](#) for more info about the following upcoming Chats:

- Chapter Activity Grants/Open Ended Advisor/Officer Q&A. May 6 at 2 p.m. EST
- Graduation Video/Open Ended Advisor/Officer Q&A. May 7 at 10:30 a.m. EST
- Scholarships Open Early/Available to Psi Chi Members. May 13 at 2 p.m. EST
- OSF Repository. May 14 at 11 a.m. EST.
- HelpHelpedMe Conversation. May 20 at 2 p.m. EST

To help you manage and grow your chapter online, here are answers to six frequently asked questions.

1. How Can You Effectively Recruit Members Online?

Try inviting students to join Psi Chi in your online classes, and ask other professors to do the same. These “personalized” invitations will let students see your excitement about this opportunity. Social media pages for your chapter and psychology department can also be used to get the word out. As always, our email [Invitation to Membership](#) template is available. A personal email or text would mean a lot to eligible students too!

2. Can Your Chapter Elections Be Hosted Online?

Yes! Please secure your members’ votes before your seniors graduate this spring. Numerous low-cost programs provide secure online voting services. For example, [ElectionBuddy.com](#) lets up to 350 eligible voters participate in your ballot for \$19. Or, your chapter could encourage members to email their votes to the chapter advisor. Advisors, be sure to keep all voters’ choices private.

3. How Do Graduation Delays Affect Eligibility of Seniors?

It is not too late for students to join! Anyone who meets [Psi Chi’s academic requirements](#) remains eligible based on the previous term’s earned grades and credits; seniors may join if still a student (e.g., if their degree has not yet been conferred, regardless of if or when a commencement ceremony is held). Consider playing our new [Virtual Induction Ceremony](#) video during your spring inductions. Also, keep an eye out for our upcoming Virtual Graduation Ceremony that you can share with your graduating members. Once available, a link will be posted on our [COVID-19 Updates](#) webpage.

4. Are Member Benefits Affected By Covid-19?

No, in fact, Psi Chi just released a brand-new eBook, [An Eye on the Workplace: Achieving a Career With a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology](#), which is particularly relevant to students about to enter the workplace this summer! Please share this book with your students and let them know that members get a special discount. Also, to support online classes working remotely, we have temporarily made all [Learning Resources](#) subscriptions available for free to everyone.

5. What About Collecting New Member Fees?

Advisors unable to collect new member fees in person may take permanent or temporary advantage of our new **Individual Payment Option**. This program lets individuals pay the Central Office directly online, thus eliminating the need for advisors to collect membership fees. Alternatively, advisors may collect individual member fees through the mail or a chapter PayPal account.

6. Is Merchandise Available at This Time?

Absolutely! Ayana Woodard, our Merchandise Coordinator, is working hard to process and ship all orders from her home, such as chapter supplies and graduation regalia! If you are planning on ordering from the **Psi Chi Store**, please order a minimum of 3 weeks in advance.

COVID-19 MEMBER FUND



We hope your chapter can take advantage of our **COVID-19 Member Support Fund**. Here are **instructions** on how to submit students. Please also consider sharing our donation page, **donate.psichi.org**, with anyone you think might want to support students and Psi Chi members in need. Share that May 5 is **Giving Tuesday NOW**—an international day of giving in response to COVID-19 on which you can support the organizations you trust and wish to help sustain.

LATEST CONTENT

Are your students making healthy transitions into their newly online courses? Join Dr. Elizabeth Hammer and copresenter Dr. Debi Brannan for this live webinar: “[Student Well-Being in the Time of Remote Learning](#).” April 29 at 6 p.m. EST. Register today.

- [Dr. Steven Pinker Says Bad News Isn't the Whole Story](#)
Original podcast date: April 7
- [Tips for Making Group Work . . . Work!](#)
Magazine: Summer 2020
- [Learning R Programming Language With Psi Chi](#)
Journal: Spring 2020

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Spring Chapter Deadlines Are Approaching!

Receive reimbursement for chapter activities taking place during the 2019–20 school year. Psi Chi’s new [Chapter Activity Grants](#) are due May 1. Also, don’t forget to complete your chapter’s application for an annual [Model Chapter Award](#) by May 15.

CONDUCTING RESEARCH

Student Research Repository for Spring Conventions

Due to the cancellation or postponement of [spring 2020 conventions](#) (EPA, MPA, RMPA, SEPA, SWPA, WPA, and APS), Psi Chi is creating a repository so that students can present electronically. Instructions for [RMPA presenters](#) are now available. Presenters for other conventions are asked to keep an eye on the [Research Advisory Committee](#) webpage for updates.

90TH ANNIVERSARY

Psi Chi’s [A–Z Anniversary Celebration](#) concludes with the release of Letters V through Z. Look back at [all 26 letters!](#)

- V. Virtual Chapter Experiences
- W. Kay Wilson Officer Leadership Team Award
- X. Xavier University of Louisiana Chapter
- Y. Dr. Yarrow Dunham, Advisor at Yale University
- Z. Dr. Martha S. Zlokovich