

American Society of Adaptation Professionals

All About ASAP Member Groups

What are ASAP Member Led Groups?

Member Led Groups, including ASAP Regional Hubs and Interest Groups are the heart of our membership network. Through these flexible activities members connect to advance the adaptation field, forge professional partnerships, enhance their professional networks, and stay informed about leading practices. ASAP Interest Groups are member led, virtual groups that are convened for the purpose of connecting ASAP members interested in discussing and advancing adaptation topics and seeking support from one another. They are organized along areas of members' interests and expertise. These member-led groups are recognized and endorsed by ASAP and powered by the organizational support, direction, and actions of ASAP members. Collectively, these group members assume responsibility for the activities and advancement of the Member Interest Group, which is led by a member Chair. ASAP recognizes the unique role these groups and their leaders play in the organization's success including:

- Member Interest Group Chairs/ Co-Chairs/Vice Chairs are key to helping to fulfill ASAP's mission.
- The Chair and Co-Chair/Vice Chair may serve as member representatives for open ASAP board meetings.
- At least once a year, ASAP Executive Director will invite the Chair and Co-Chair/Vice Chair to pen a member newsletter.
- At least once a year, ASAP Executive Director will invite Chair and Co-Chair/Vice Chair leaders to present to an ASAP member town hall.
- ASAP's Executive Director, in partnership with the Co-Chairs is responsible for coordinating overlap, leverage, and tangencies between different Member Interest Groups and other ASAP work.

2019 Group Formation Process

This year ASAP will kick-off a new member group formation process. The goal of this new approach is to increase member engagement with the group formation process and to increase the transparency of member group formation. The Annual Member Group Formation Process will kick-off in November 2019! If you are interested in submitting a potential member interest group read on to learn about the upcoming opportunity!

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2019 Member Group Formation Process

Topic Development

Phase I: Topic Selection - Deadline: December 17, 2018

Beginning on Friday, November 30 ASAP Members will have two weeks to submit potential topics for 2019 Member Interest Groups. Topic ideas may include sector interest such as water, distributed energy, and finance or aspects of the adaptation process, such as communication, decision making or youth engagement. You may submit your concept via the following form: <https://tinyurl.com/ASAPGroups>.

Phase II: Member Group Refinement - Deadline: January 13, 2019

Following the two week submission period ASAP Staff will compile all the suggested ideas and reach out to any members who submitted similar concepts to offer an opportunity for members to work together to develop a full member group submission. Details included in the full member group concept submission will include: Group purpose, structure, anticipated meeting structure, likely outcomes, and proposed group leaders.

Member Group Selection

Phase III: Members Voting Period: January 21 - February 6, 2019

If more member group concepts are proposed than ASAP Staff is able to support then members will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed member groups. The voting period will remain open for two weeks and each member will vote by ranking their top five member interest groups.

Phase IV: New Group Initiation & Orientation - Orientation Event: February 20, 2019

All new member groups will be invited to an initial meeting to be held within 4 weeks of the voting deadline. The meeting will serve as an opportunity to be oriented to how ASAP supports member groups and to virtually meet other group members and leaders.

Member Group Leadership

Members wishing to be considered for leadership positions in the new group (chair or secretary) may submit a nomination in writing.

Members of the newly formed group will have an opportunity to vote on the group leadership at the first individual group meeting.

If no members submit a nomination to lead the group, the default leader or co-leads will be the member who generated the member group concept.

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Strategic Priorities 2019

ASAP's Programs & Purpose

- **ASAP Connects:** bringing members together to build relationships and foster innovation.
- **Adaptation Careers:** helping members excel in their current jobs, find new ones, and learn what it means to work in the field of climate change adaptation.
- **Adaptation Voices:** sharing and celebrating member stories and accomplishments to inspire action.
- **ASAP Serves:** creating opportunities for members to give back to the field of climate change adaptation and help shape its future.
- **Organizational Management:** pursuing best practices in non-profit management and governance while integrating equity and inclusion into all of our programming and management considerations.
- **Organizational Advancement:** pursuing financial sustainability through diverse revenue methods and streams.

Priority Outcomes

- Provide professional guidance to our members and constituents
- Create opportunities for local, in-person networking
- Facilitate virtual engagement with our national network
- Foster an enabling policy environment for implementation of effective and equitable adaptation action.



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