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## **Announcing “Ask the Member Liaison:” A New Column in ASPE eNews!**

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During the ASPE Conference in Denver, I announced plans for my Member Liaison term project. As detailed in the job description, the ASPE Member Liaison will:

1. “Represent the interests of the general membership and conduct a project to further the goals of the organization or to develop services for the membership.”
2. “Listen to the membership and communicate their issues, needs and interests to the Board of Directors (BOD).”

My project is to offer a reoccurring article in the ASPE eNews à la “*Dear Abby*” (*Dear Abby is a nationally syndicated column where a reader writes in with a problem in the form of a question, and the columnist provides an answer or response.*)

Additional information about the “Ask the Member Liaison” column:

- Objective: Provide a vehicle for two-way communications between you, the membership, and the ASPE BOD.
- Format: Question and Answer - You ask and the liaison(s) will find the answer, and then publish the information here in the ASPE eNews.
- Focus: Questions for the BOD (at first), but general questions can also be covered.
- Role: The Member Liaison(s) will serve as the link in communications between members and the Board of Directors. The liaison is a go-between, like a union representative, in taking your questions and concerns to the BOD. The membership can contact the Member Liaison(s) directly, ask confidential questions, and choose to remain anonymous if requested.

- Key Desired Outcomes: Provide members a voice in the decision-making process by facilitating a means for advancing communication, transparency, and thoughtful discussion of the issues that matter to our membership and our BOD.

To submit your question, contact Member Liaison **Jamie Pitt** at [pittj@wusm.wustl.edu](mailto:pittj@wusm.wustl.edu).