

Dear AAPS Members,

I hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and well.

I am writing to you today to kindly request that you fill out a short survey regarding AAPS General Meetings. We are trying to get a better understanding about how and when you would prefer to attend AAPS General Meetings. Your feedback is important to us for our planning and ensuring we are doing our best to meet members' needs. The survey takes about three minutes to complete. It has 3 required questions and 4 optional questions.

**Here is the link to the AAPS General Meeting survey:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/aaps-gm-survey>

We will leave the survey up until Thursday, June 23. If you prefer, you are always welcome to send ideas and thoughts about the AAPS General Meetings to [aaps.engagement@ubc.ca](mailto:aaps.engagement@ubc.ca).

I have been inspired by the resilience and strength of our members in the face of the pandemic. Despite the challenging times, nearly 6,000 AAPS members continue to keep our UBC community running smoothly, while also finding solidarity and strength in each other.

We are living in difficult and uncertain times – but please remember, you are not alone. If you or a loved one is experiencing [mental health challenges](#), reach out for help. If you are experiencing significant stress in the workplace or other issues causing or exacerbating mental health issues, [please contact AAPS](#) for a confidential conversation and learn about what options may be available to you and the processes for accessing them. We are here for you.

We also encourage all members to take care of yourselves, and we encourage you to use your vacation time to take a break from work.

Happy Pride to all of our members, their families, and communities who are celebrating this month.

Happy Indigenous History Month to all our members their families, and communities who are celebrating. If you are beginning your reconciliation journey,

the [Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre's website](#) is a helpful place to start.

For our Indigenous members who will be celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, [Letter of Agreement #9](#) on observing significant religious and cultural events was created to provide flexibility for members to celebrate such days. If you have any questions about LOA #9, [please contact AAPS](#).

With care,

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We acknowledge the traditional territories on which our members and we work including Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, Syilx Okanagan Nation

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