



### Call for Applications for PSA Executive Secretary and Treasurer

Gary Hardcastle, who has very ably served the Philosophy of Science Association for the past six years as its Executive Secretary and Treasurer, must step down at the end of 2012. We are enormously grateful for all of the work Gary has done for the PSA and for his many contributions to its smooth functioning.

Consequently, the PSA Governing Board seeks applications for the post of PSA Executive Secretary and Treasurer. Ideally, service in this position would begin on January 1, 2013. Interested applicants are requested to send a letter of application (with CV) to Professor Helen Longino (who is chairing the search committee) at [hlongino@stanford.edu](mailto:hlongino@stanford.edu) <[hlongino@stanford.edu](mailto:hlongino@stanford.edu)> by **October 31, 2012**. All inquiries about this position should also be directed to Professor Longino. The Governing Board plans to interview candidates at PSA2012 in San Diego, November 15-17, and reserves the right to hold the search open until an appropriate candidate has been found. Successful candidates will have an advanced degree and a faculty position in the field. They will be energetic, creative, conscientious and willing to work on the growth and development of PSA. It is desirable that they possess some management and/or business experience.

The Philosophy of Science Association is an incorporated non-profit 501(c)(3) academic association dedicated to the promotion of research, teaching, and free discussion of issues in the philosophy of science from diverse standpoints. To this end, the PSA publishes *Philosophy of Science*, sponsors conferences, and awards prizes for distinguished work in the field. The PSA has approximately 1000 members, distributed among over 30 countries, and is run by the PSA Governing Board, which consists of eight elected Board members and the PSA President, President-Elect, and Past-President. For more information about PSA governance see the PSA By-Laws at [www.philsci.org/about/bylaws.html](http://www.philsci.org/about/bylaws.html).

The PSA Executive Secretary and Treasurer supervises the business affairs of the Association, handling all financial matters as well as serving as the contact between the PSA and other business entities with which the PSA has professional dealings, including the History of Science Society and the University of Chicago Press. The Executive Secretary ensures that the PSA By-Laws are followed, oversees elections and awards, communicates with members of the Association, and, in conjunction with the HSS, arranges the PSA's biennial meeting. In addition, the Executive Secretary coordinates with the Governing Board and provides it with the necessary information for its smooth operation, in particular, quarterly financial reports and a general annual report. More generally, the position of Executive Secretary requires creative engagement with the HSS, UC Press, and other professional organizations, as well as with the PSA Governing Board, to achieve the goals and further the interests of the Association. The Executive Secretary is appointed for a four-year term.

Compensation for the position of Executive Secretary is negotiable. In the past, the PSA has been able to pay for course release for the PSA Executive Secretary and Treasurer.