

State and/or Regional APBS Networks

APBS announces the opportunity (commencing on January 1, 2007 prospectively) to establish what will be termed “APBS Networks” utilizing either a state or regional unit of analysis (e.g. APBS Network of New York or APBS Network of the New England Area). A formal request must be submitted (in writing via surface or electronic mail) to the President of APBS with copy to the Executive Director in order to establish an APBS recognized ”APBS Network”. The petition form may be found on the APBS website or obtained by contacting the Executive Director of APBS. The following provides general parameters and procedures for establishing and operating of an APBS Network.

Initial Establishment

- 1) There must be no less than five APBS members (in good standing) who serve as the petitioners to APBS to establish the “APBS Network”. None of the petitioners may be currently serving members of the Full Board of APBS.
- 2) A formal proposal (of no more than two pages written double spaced in twelve point font) be submitted using the required petition form to the APBS President with copy of the Executive Director. This proposal must include a list (of at least) the five APBS members petitioning for establishment of the “APBS Network”.
- 3) The APBS Executive Committee, and in turn, the Full Board will review and take action on the petition to establish an “APBS Network” in a timely manner in keeping with the nature of APBS meeting agendas and business.

General Operation

- 1) There is an understanding (and agreement) that no additional fees or dues beyond APBS membership will be formally collected by the “APBS Network.”
- 2) There is agreement that the “APBS Network” is considered a loosely coupled network of APBS members...and not a formal “chapter” as APBS does not have operate chapters. As such, there are no elected officers and the “APBS Network” has no authority to enter into any form of legal or fiscal agreement utilizing the name of APBS (this does not preclude APBS entering into such agreements on behalf of a given “APBS Network” given action by the Full Board of APBS).
- 3) The “APBS Network” has no authority to use the name APBS in any form of written policy or lobbying activities which could jeopardize APBS non-profit status.
- 4) The “APBS Network” supports through its interactions, approaches and practices in the field that are consistent with the mission, vision and operating principles of APBS.
- 5) The acknowledged APBS Network is required to submit on an annual basis a brief report of network activities that occurred during the prior twelve month period that are relevant to the mission of APBS (this report will be due June 30th for each respective year the APBS Network is in operation).