

**Position Title:** Member, Professional Practice & Social Implications Committee

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**Work Location:** Primarily remote with an in-person meeting at the ASHG Annual Meeting location

**Committee Charge/Description:** The Professional Practice & Social Implications Committee recommends, and upon Board approval carries out, activities that help ASHG members and the research community advance human genetics and genomics in ways that integrate and embed societal impacts within research goals and practices. The committee will consider, document and provide to members best practices that advance genetics research and its responsible application; address benefits and implications of emerging research knowledge, technologies and tools; develop ASHG Guidances, and other activities as approved by the Board. The committee and working groups meet by video conference call as needed and in person at the Annual Meeting. The committee's work is guided by its [action plan](#), an ASHG Board-approved document created in support of the Society's [Strategic Plan](#). The activities are reviewed by the Board for funding on an annual basis.

**Position Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Participate in activities towards achieving the desired outcomes in the [committee's Action Plan](#)
- Participate in committee meetings and attend in-person meetings
- Help craft ASHG Guidances that assist the genetics community in navigating ethical, legal, or social issues in the conduct of research
- Participate in activities and assist in the development of tools to help ASHG members learn about and adopt ASHG Guidance recommendations

**Qualifications:**

- Must be a current ASHG member
  - Either expertise in ethical, legal, or social issues related to the conduct of research, awareness of such issues faced by researchers and a keen interest in seeking solutions, or experience training genetics professionals
- ELSI, basic, translational and clinical researchers are all encouraged to apply*

**Commitment:**

- Three-year term; no member may serve more than two consecutive terms. Typical service is no more than two hours per month

**Benefits:**

- Help increase awareness in the genetics community of prominent ethical, legal, social issues related to the conduct of research, and tools for addressing them.
- Networking opportunities with peers and leaders in the human genetics field
- Receive a Certificate of Service
- List the service on your resume/CV