Commission on Professional Affairs Jobs Manual

Description of Commission in Constitution
“Section I. There shall be a Commission on Professional Affairs, the function of which is to examine for the Society all issues related to the conduct of its professional affairs, and in consultation with the President and Executive Board, to take relevant action, subject to review by the Society.”

The mandate in the bylaws is fairly broad (“all issues related to the conduct of” PES’s professional affairs) and has been interpreted differently over time. Recent examples include the redevelopment of the PES website, connecting and collaborating with other professional societies, and the development of the white paper series, GroundWorks. Activities that the commission engages in respond to issues that arise for the organization and promote the visibility of PES and Philosophy of Education more broadly.

Description of Membership in Constitution
Section II. Members of the Commission shall be the President of the Society, ex officio, and five members elected to staggered terms of five years from the membership of the Society. No elected member of the Commission may hold another elective office in the Society while a member of the Commission. Members shall be elected in the same manner as provided in the Bylaws for the election of officers of the Society.

Timelines and Trigger Dates:

March (during conference)
- COPA meeting
- Gather suggestions from membership regarding particular paper topics for GroundWorks and potential authors
- Develop COPA report for previous year
- Present (abbreviated) report at Business Meeting

March (post conference)
- Wrap up conference activities

April - March
  - Check in with GroundWorks editor: re: topic for paper, authors, deadlines
  - Organization and coordination of conference session and other activities
  - November 1 - Submit proposal for a conference session