How to Create and Sustain a Physics Graduate Student Association

ANASHE BANDARI, College of William and Mary, SARA MUELLER, The Ohio State University, ADEWALE AKINFADERIN, Florida State University, ASHLEE WILKINS, University of Maryland — This panel will discuss the challenges and lessons learned regarding creating and sustaining an active Physics Graduate Student Association (PGSA). We will start with each panelist describing the objectives of their institutions PGSA and the extent of their involvement with it, and continue with a discussion on what makes a PGSA successful and how to achieve that success, what the biggest challenges may be when it comes to creating, running, or participating in a PGSA, and how to attract and maintain support for a PGSA within ones department. Participants in this session will also have the opportunity to share and discuss their experiences with their own PGSA.