

## **PY 2026 – 2027 Conference Planning Committee**

**Meeting Time: Fourth Monday at 3:30 pm**

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### **Tasks: Conference Planning Committee (Goals 2, 3, 4 and 5)**

Work with staff to:

- Plan annual pre-conference sessions and conference sessions.
- Solicit membership for conference session proposals.
- Design and plan a conference that is relevant to all career phases.
- Report monthly to Executive Committee and quarterly to the Board of Directors.

### **Members**

- Pallavi Awasthi, Associate Professor – Public Administration, Nova Southeastern University, [pawasthi@nova.edu](mailto:pawasthi@nova.edu)
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