

# Philippine Computer Society-Virtual Plans, Programs and Activities For the Period July 2020 to June 2021

## I. Background

The Philippine Computer Society (PCS) is a national organization of individuals professionally engaged in information technology-related occupations. Since 1967, PCS has been instrumental in growing the ICT industry in the country. PCS has collaborated with both its education and industry partners in the preparation of individuals to enable them to join and to ascend the professional ranks of the ICT industry.

PCS has three (3) major standing committees:

### 1. Monthly Membership Meeting and Professional Development Program (MMM-PDP)

Monthly Membership Meeting (MMM) cum Professional Development Program (PDP) – Topics focus on what are happening in the local ICT industry such as government strategic directions and activities related to ICT, legislation, training, and infrastructure, as well as reports on PCS projects and capacity building initiatives. The MMM, on the one hand, provides a venue for networking and discussion of common interests. On the other hand, the Professional Development Program (PDP) calls attention to relevant ICT trends (IQ session), while supporting the development of soft skills that contribute to effective leadership and management (EQ session).

### 2. Philippine Computer Society Information and Computing Accreditation Board (PICAB)

PICAB was organized by PCS in 2014 to represent the Philippine territory in its bid for signatory membership in the Seoul Accord. PICAB has since 2015 been accepted to provisional membership. The Seoul Accord is a multilateral agreement among agencies responsible for accreditation or recognition of tertiary level computing- and IT-related qualifications. The Accord is committed to the development and recognition of good practice in computing- and IT-related higher education.

### 3. Junior Philippine Computer Society (JPCS)

JPCS is a standing committee of PCS and is the first and largest national organization of students enrolled in programs and courses related to ICT. Since 1990, JPCS has proudly witnessed the evolution of its member students into independent competent adult professionals. This transition is made possible each year through the leadership of PCS in its provision of guidance to JPCS in the form of seminars, trainings, expositions, and general assemblies.



## II. Virtual Platform

The Philippine Computer Society (PCS) extends its organizational persona to include a virtual platform to be named PCS-Virtual. While this has been in the planning stage for some time, the current pandemic has made the use of a virtual platform urgent and necessary. It is expected that even when face-to-face meetings can again be allowed, PCS-Virtual will continue to be employed to enable PCS to reach and serve those who may find physical presence at PCS activities difficult.

PCS-Virtual shall be principally utilized to facilitate more inclusive involvement in:

1. The PCS General Assembly, the PCS Professional Development Program, and the various PCS committees
2. The PCS Information and Computing Accreditation Board (PICAB)
3. The Junior Philippine Computer Society (JPCS)

Below is a schedule of activities to be held using PCS-Virtual from July 2020 to June 2021:

### 1. Philippine Computer Society (PCS)

Activity	Schedule	Time/ Duration	Remarks
Monthly Membership Meeting and Professional Development Program (MMM-PDP) Theme for the year: A Shift to Virtual Organizations: from Conceptualization to Operationalization  Tentative topics: 1) Basics (Pros-Cons) 2) Virtual Leadership/ Virtual Teams Management/Legal 3) Technology Requirements 4) Privacy Components 5) Issues and Challenges 6) Best Practices	Except in May 2021, every last Tuesday of the month (except when this Tuesday is also the last working day of the month in which case the event will be moved to the 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of the same month	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Minimum of 1 technical session or EQ session with breakout sessions, maximum of 10 pax per breakout session
Committee meetings (immediately after MMM)	Minimum Quarterly	Max of 90 minutes	
Board of Trustees meeting (morning of MMM day)	Monthly	Max of 90 minutes	
National Convention (second week of May 2021)	Once a year	6 hours / day	Two (2) successive days
Special events and seminars	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the months of February, May, August, November	2-3 hours	



## Membership Meeting and Professional Development Program Flow

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Theme - A Shift to Virtual Organizations: from Conceptualization to Operationalization

No.	Time	Item	Remarks
	1:15-1:30pm	Zoom Log In/Registration	Zoom/Eventbrite
1	1:30-1:33pm	National Anthem/Prayer	Event Moderator
2	1:33-1:35pm	Call to Order	President
3	1:35-2:00pm	PCS Announcements	Various
4	2:00-2:50pm	Session Talk/s	Speaker
5	2:50-3:00pm	Question and Answer (Unmute or Chat Box)	
6	3:00-3:20pm	Break Out Rooms	Group discussion
7	3:20-3:30pm	Globe Announcement / Closing Remarks	

Note:

- A session certificate shall be issued to each participant who attends a session from start to finish. Certificate of Attendance will be issued to all participants with Class eCertificate for participants who have attended a minimum number of sessions for the entire fiscal year.

### 2. Philippine Computer Society Computing Accreditation Board (PICAB)

Activity	Schedule	Time/ Duration	Remarks
Board Meeting	Bi-monthly	90 minutes	
Seminar Workshop for Program Evaluators and Team Chairs	Twice a year	8 hours/day	Three (3) successive days
SSR Development Workshop	Twice a year	8 hours/day	Two (2) successive days
PICAB Executive Briefing for Academic Management Officials	Twice a year	4 hours	

### 3. Junior Philippine Computer Society (JPCS)

Activity	Schedule	Time/ Duration	Remarks
JPCS National Board of Officers (NBO) Meeting	Twice a month	90 minutes	
Committee Meetings	Quarterly	90 minutes	
JPCS Leadership Transformation Workshop and Election of JPCS NBO 2020-2021	Once a year	5-6 hours/day	Two (2) successive days
JPCS Explore IT 2021	Once a year	5-6 hours/day	Two (2) successive days

❖ PCS reserves the right to change topics, schedules and other details as needed.

