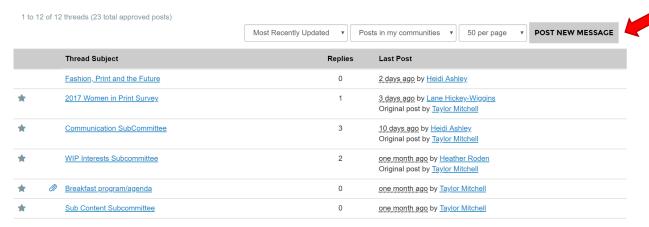
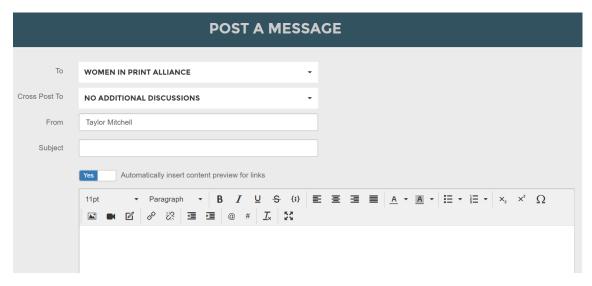


Discussion Post Walkthrough

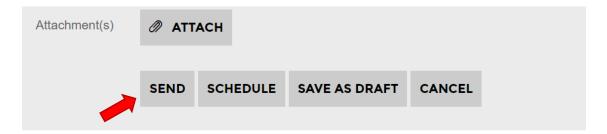
To access all the discussion threads and to make comments, you will need to click on the
correct community. Once there, you will click on the discussion tab. When the screen loads
you have many options: you can click on a post you'd like to read and comment on; you can
favorite/follow topics that interest you; you can even create your own discussion posts by
clicking on the *Post New Message* button.



2. When creating a new discussion post, this is the screen that you will see. You can type in your message into the blank body or paste it from a previously created word document if you prefer. You also can cross-post a message, so that it will appear in the current community but also the selected community as well.



3. Once you've finished creating your post, you have a wide variety of options for posting or delivering your message. For this general section, pretend that you want to publish your post; you will then press the send button.



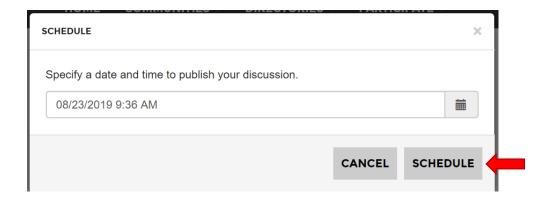
4. When the screen loads up, you will see your post as a live discussion thread; Which can be found under the discussion homepage at the very top – depending on your settings.

What happens if I want to Schedule a post?

5. If you had a discussion post that you wanted to send at a specific time – or wanted to be live at a particular date – you can click the schedule button instead of hitting send.



6. It will take you to a pop-up screen, that allows you to pick a specific date and time that you would want the discussion post to go live. After you pick out your specifics, you hit schedule, and the system will take care of the publishing for you. However, as a precaution, you should always double-check that at the scheduled time, the discussion went live.

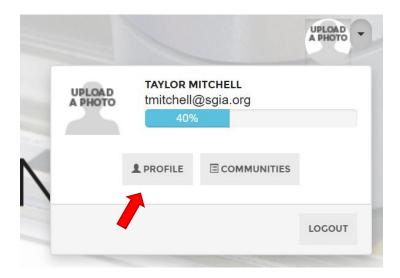


What happens if I want to save a draft and go back to it?

7. Once you completed a discussion post, but you wanted to have more time, you could save the discussion post as a draft. This allows you to keep your message without sending any posts or email notifications to the rest of the committee.



8. To access your saved discussion post, scroll to the top of the screen and press the down arrow by your headshot. It will pop-up a compacted box that has your basic information. From there, you will press the profile button.

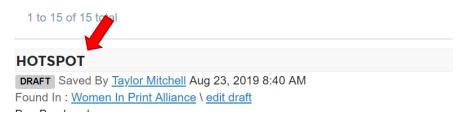


Once you are at your profile homepage, you want to click on the down arrow by the My
 Contributions tab. It will pull a drop-down option, and from there you will want to press List
 of Contributions.



10. When the new screen loads, you will want to pick the saved discussion post draft – so you can either edit, post, or scrap the message.

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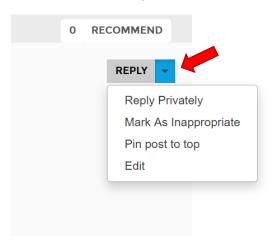


11. Once you are finished going over your body of your discussion post, you have another set of options on how you want to handle the deliverance of your message. Whether that be to post it live; schedule a time; save it again as a draft (will not create a new one); or if you want to scrap the post entirely.

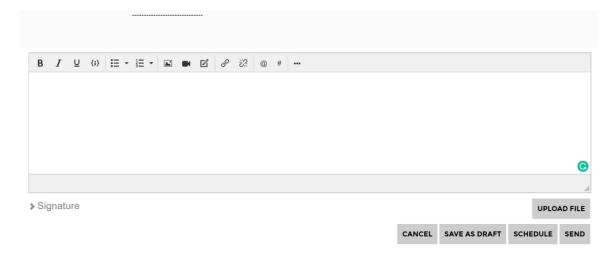


How do I reply to a comment?

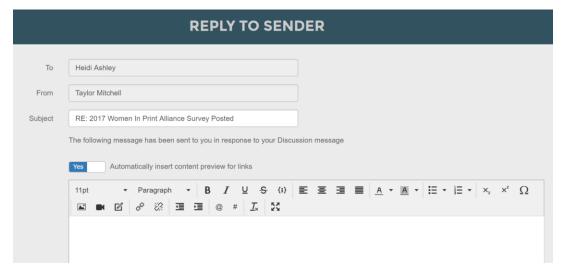
12. After selecting a discussion that you are interested in reading and commenting on, you have an array of options. If you click on the drop-down arrow, you will see additional responses presented to you. To distinguish them, we will discuss the top three choices that you will most likely use.



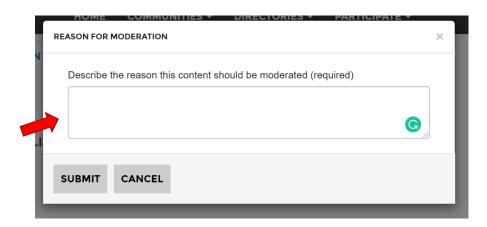
13. The first option would be to click the reply button that is beside the drop-down button. This type of reply would reply directly to the discussion thread. It would be a public comment that everyone would be able to see and could comment on themselves.



14. The second type of reply replies directly to the sender, but not to the discussion thread. This creates a private comment that only the commenter and the targeted sender would see; thus, disconnecting it from the public thread.



15. The final option provided that will be useful is **Mark as Inappropriate**. This will mark any post, comment, or a published article so that the community admin can monitor and decide whether the post should be pulled, and the contributor should be restricted. This should not be used lightly but to create and maintain a healthy and open environment for the community you serve.



If you have any further questions or need more help with the discussion thread, please let me know by emailing me at tmitchell@sgia.org.