Preface

This volume contains a selection of the contributed papers from the 26th Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association, which was held in Seattle, Washington, from November 1 to 4, 2018. We received 356 submissions, from which the program committee selected 178 (50%) for presentation at the meeting and 43 (12%) for publication in this volume. A second proceedings volume containing selected symposium papers and Sandy Mitchell's presidential address will be published next year.

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