

with straight, horizontal dorsal outline; pronotum, including the neck, nearly as long as broad, somewhat depressed dorsally; mesonotum rather broad, subtrapezoidal, with rounded sides; mesoepinotal suture indistinct; epinotum about one and two-thirds times as long as broad, base straight with subparallel, submarginate sides, somewhat longer than the straight, sloping declivity. Petiole somewhat broader than long, broader behind than in front, with moderately convex sides and straight posterior border; in profile higher than long, narrowed above, straight anteriorly, above and posteriorly, the anterior surface distinctly convex from side to side, the posterior very flat, with marginate border. Postpetiole narrow, longer than broad, its nearly flat anterior surface projecting above and strongly inclined downward and backward. First gastric segment shorter than the petiole, the second and following segments very short. Sting small. Legs short and rather slender.

Shining; dorsal surface of head and thorax subopaque; mandibles very finely and sparsely punctate; head and antennal scapes densely but not sharply, thorax and petiole more sparsely and distinctly, postpetiole and first gastric segment coarsely and sparsely punctate.

Pilosity yellow; pubescence very fine and short, rather sparse on the head, thorax, petiole and legs, longer and denser on the postpetiole and gaster; hairs sparse and erect, distinct only on the clypeus, dorsal surface of petiole and terminal gastric segments.

Yellowish ferruginous; legs, antennal scapes, bases of funiculi and tip of gaster yellow; mandibular teeth and anterior edge of clypeus dark brown; posterior borders of gastric segments sometimes reddish.

FEMALE (deãlated).—Length, 1.8-2 mm.

Head somewhat broader than that of the worker, with more broadly rounded posterior corners and straight, parallel sides. Eyes small, circular, flattened and hairy, situated about one-third their diameter from the anterior corners of the head. Ocelli widely separated. Thorax long, narrower than the head, flattened dorsally; pronotum as long as broad, gradually narrowed anteriorly; mesonotum small, semicircular; tegulae well-developed; epinotum broader than long, its base transversely oblong, nearly twice as broad as long. Petiole like that of the worker, but the node more compressed anteroposteriorly, so that its summit is three times as broad as long (only about one and one-half times as broad as long in the worker). Gaster more voluminous.

Sculpture, pilosity and color as in the worker. Wings, judging from their stumps, probably densely pubescent and infuscated.

Described from seven workers and four females taken by Mr. R. H. Van Zwaluwenburg near Honolulu, Hawaii, in the soil of cultivated and fallow sugar-cane fields.

This minute species is closely related to *Ps. tenuis* Emery and *mosaryi* Szabó, but is readily distinguished by the characters mentioned in the key. It is dedicated to Mr. O. H. Swezey who has contributed so greatly to our knowledge of Hawaiian insects.