

## **2018-19 OCPA Executive Board Nominee Information**

**Nominee Name:** Heather Johnston Welliver

**Nominee Institution:** Denison University

**Title:** Associate Director, Academic Resource Center

**Positions for Consideration:** 4 Year Private Member-at-Large

### **Please describe your involvement with OCPA.**

As a member of OCPA since 2009, I have served in different roles on the OCPA Conference Planning Committee, including educational sessions, Career Resource Room, and most recently, Mid-Level Management Institute. Although I am a member of many professional organizations, I've been most involved in OCPA because I value the strong connections with my Ohio colleagues. I am a lifetime OCPA member and look forward to becoming more involved.

### **Why are you interested in participating as a member of the OCPA Executive Board?**

At this year's annual conference, I was encouraged by President-Elect Ardy Gonyer to become more involved and take on more leadership within OCPA. OCPA has always felt like my professional "home," and it feels like the right time to give more to an organization that has given me so much. In the role of Four Year Private Member at Large, I would like to help OCPA meet its vision by becoming a more active, connected and energized network of higher education professionals.

### **What qualities and skills do you think you can bring to the indicated positions, and to the OCPA Board?**

I am a clear communicator and extremely organized. Like many of us in the student affairs profession, I am a strong collaborator and often come up with my best ideas when brainstorming with others.

I am currently in my ninth year in my role at Denison and I have made strong connections with colleagues other private institutions throughout the state. I feel this could benefit me immensely while serving as the Four Year Private Member at Large, helping me to establish liaisons at other campuses and working to promote membership and involvement. I have also attended Professional Development workshops offered by OCPA so I feel prepared to work with the Professional Development Chair to ensure that the offerings meet the needs of professionals at four year private institutions.

### **What do you believe to be the role of professional associations like OCPA?**

I believe the role of professional organizations like OCPA is to prevent us from functioning as silos, and instead bring together for us to work collaboratively for a common mission. It is easy to get caught up in the day to day work at our own institutions, or even in our own offices, but it is extremely important to share knowledge and best practices through professional

development and networking opportunities. Collaborative partnerships make us all better professionals and therefore, advance student learning and development.