

2018-19 OCPA Executive Board Nominee Information

Nominee Name: Alysha Rauen

Nominee Institution: University of Dayton

Title: Graduate Student

Positions for Consideration: Graduate Student Members-at-Large

Please describe your involvement with OCPA.

I recently became a member of OCPA when I became a graduate student at the University of Dayton. I attended the annual OCPA conference in 2018 in my first year of graduate school.

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

I am interested in the position of Graduate Student Member-At-Large to become more involved in the field of Student Affairs in the state. This position would allow me to build my network of colleagues in Ohio to use as connections as well as to gain knowledge from these professionals. There is so much that can be learned from each school in Ohio and the professionals of the school. Every school operates differently and uniquely to their environment that can inspire creative changes to my own work and institution. I would also like to be able to connect with other graduate students in this field and encourage them to join professional organizations like OCPA. I would also like to help build professional development opportunities that could aid their learning and professional development.

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

In my position with Delta Sigma Pi, I gained experience in implementing conferences and assisting in the organization and production of it. I also worked with a Board of Directors and attended semiannual board meetings. I also have experience in developing workshops and large events. In my professional experiences, I have been told that I am a strong team player and bring a positive attitude to the team. One of my strengths is harmony. This is vital to a team because it helps create a safe and inviting place for people to contribute on a team. It also allows me to easily get along with a diverse group of people and create positive relationships with those I work with. These would all be useful when collaborating and working closely with the other members of the board.

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

Professional associations like OCPA are designed to create a space for professionals to network with others in their field and share their work. It also provides spaces for disseminating useful information and innovative projects that other professionals can utilize and learn from. It also allows professionals to continue their professional development by attending workshops and conferences hosted by the association.