

2018-19 OCPA Executive Board Nominee Information

Nominee Name: Leah Schuh

Nominee Institution: The Ohio State University

Title: Academic Advisor

Positions for Consideration: 4 Year Public Member-at-Large

Please describe your involvement with OCPA.

I have been involved with OCPA since 2013 as a graduate student. During my time as a member I have served as a volunteer and resume reviewer at the annual conference, while also having served on the annual conference planning committee. I have served as a mentor for current graduate students and have presented numerous times at the annual conference.

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

I am interested in being an OCPA Executive Board member because I have a passion for this organization. This organization has afforded me opportunities to learn from colleagues and get a refresher on industry standards and best practices. While I have loved my experiences in being a volunteer for the annual conference, I believe I am at a place in my career where I am ready to dedicate even more time and passion to this organization. When I was a graduate student I was able to network and ultimately connect with my future employer during a resume review at the annual conference. I hope to afford others with this kind of professional development by offering opportunities to share resources and connect with other OCPA members.

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

While I have been in the field for a number of years, I have recently been afforded a position at a large university. In the past I have worked at small and medium-sized private universities, as well as a for-profit institution. I believe my experiences offer a unique perspective of other types of institutions while also offering a newer perspective of a 4-year public university. I personally feel I can contribute time and passion to the organization as a driven individual who strives to make good things even better. I am a team player who consistently strives to help others achieve their goals. I also hope to be a voice for all institutions and professionals that I represent. It is important to provide opportunities and support for all members regardless of the institutional size, career path, or future goals. I see value in hearing multiple perspectives while using that to inform the kinds of resources and opportunities the executive board provides for members and community partners.

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

OCPA is a place for undergraduate students, graduate students, and professionals to connect, reflect, and learn. As cliché as it may sound I truly feel this organization is a way to meet others

in the field, where we can begin building relationships and connecting our passions. We are able to learn from the experiences of others, whether they are shared or new to us, while reflecting on how we can impact higher education in our current positions. OCPA strives to offer a place for all those in higher education to have a voice regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic background, etc.