

2018-19 OCPA Executive Board Nominee Information

Nominee Name: Dexter Shorter

Nominee Institution: The Ohio State University

Title: Coordinator of Competitive Sports

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

Please describe your involvement with OCPA.

In January of 2018, I attended my first OCPA conference in Worthington, OH and loved it. The sessions that I attended were very informative and different from what I had experienced at other conferences. The attendees at the conference were very open to meeting and embracing me as a first time guest. OCPA definitely contributed to my professional development in areas where I needed it the most. From all of these positive experiences, I found myself wanting to get actively involved with this association almost immediately. I am curious and interested in this opportunity to serve OCPA and its membership.

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

I am interested in participating as a member of the executive board because it would allow me to actively support and ensure that the mission of the association is being upheld. Advancing student learning and development is parallel with my goals as a student affairs professional. I want to contribute to the profession of higher education through this network based on my experiences, passions, and educational background. I am confident that I can be a valuable team member on the executive board of this association that would include me bringing a different perspective.

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

Collaboration, enthusiasm, personality, and positivity would be some of the qualities that I can bring to the position that I am interested in and the OCPA Board. I have experience with working in large groups towards a common goal and being a leader in a team setting who contributes well to the overall purpose.

Writing, oral presentation, team building, and relationship building would be the skills that I see being brought from my end to the position and board of the association. I am excited for the opportunity to work with new people in a different association that I would learn more about through involvement.

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

I believe that the role of professional associations like OCPA should provide its professionals with guidance, advice, and coaching on how to better serve college students. In addition, I think that professional associations like OCPA should aim to prepare its network of professionals for advancement opportunities within their respective areas of higher education. Associations

should be like a huge family that wants everyone to be successful by assisting its members in achieving their goals.