

2018-19 OCPA Executive Board Nominee Information

Nominee Name: Tracey Walterbusch

Nominee Institution: Ohio State

Title: PhD Student

Positions for Consideration: Graduate Student Members-at-Large

Please describe your involvement with OCPA.

As a young professional in student affairs, my mentors encouraged me to get involved with professional associations located in geographic areas where I planned to have a professional career. Although I was working in Kentucky, growing up in the state of Ohio, I knew that long term I would end up in Ohio. I joined the Ohio College Personnel Association in 2011 as a graduate student member. As an outsider, working on a masters' degree at the University of Louisville, I dedicated extra time to the OCPA committee. From 2011 to 2017, I served OCPA as a member of the conference planning team. I served on the Silent Auction Committee, Graduate and Professional Fair Committee, Awards Committee, Assessment Committee Chair, and Educational Sessions Committee Chair.

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

As an executive member of OCPA, I am interested in giving back to the profession of student affairs by increasing the voice of PhD students on the OCPA Board and increasing outreach across the state of Ohio. Although several of the board members have been PhD students, there is not a representative dedicated to the voice of Doctoral students, and their needs at the convention and throughout the year can be different than graduate students. Specifically, as a member of the executive board I am interested in building relationships across higher education institutions within the state of Ohio.

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

Using my previous experience working or attending 4 higher education institutions in the state of Ohio, volunteering with OCPA for over 8 years, and serving as the graduate student representative in the state of Ohio, I am ready to bring together graduate students across the state of Ohio to better serve their needs.

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

OCPA's role is to bring together the most passionate student affairs professionals across the state of Ohio to develop strategies to better serve college students.