

2019 Ohio College Personnel Association

Elections Information

Brianna Agner – Graduate Student Member-at-Large Candidate

Please describe your involvement with OCPA.

I am a member of OCPA and I have attended the past OCPA Annual Conference. As well as attending sessions from the weekend, I participated in the Robert J. Dubick Case Study Competition that was hosted by the 2018/2019 Graduate Student Members-at-Large.

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

I am extremely interested in participating as a member of the OCPA Executive Board. Since being introduced to the field of Higher Education, I have cultivated a passion for engaging students and professionals, as well as helping them develop as leaders. To become a member of the OCPA Executive Board, I believe it would provide me the tools I would need to further hone and improve my skills holistically as an aspiring professional.

I hope that by becoming a member of the OCPA Executive Board, I will be placed in environments where I can grow within my own leadership, as well as encourage others to lead. I also trust that becoming involved with OCPA will support my own desire to create and foster strong relationships within the Higher Education community as I would be working with many great professionals in the field. When developing my own connections and skills, I hope to lift and encourage other professionals to reach their full potential.

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

I am familiar with communicating to others on many levels including professionally and interpersonally. My experience has given me the advantage of engaging with multiple walks of life. I can skillfully and appropriately interact with many diverse groups of individuals.

My job experience has provided me with the ability to plan and execute events on varying scales. I am able to implement programming then, in turn, take in and report feedback for improvement. I am able to relay information that is most appropriate and essential to specific groups. I understand that within this role, communication between the Members-at-Large and the OCPA executive board can be crucial when moving along tasks or operations. As well, I have had experience explaining and executing curriculum to groups of students. I believe that this experience would aid me when creating a case for the case study program within the Members-at-Large duties.

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

I believe that OCPA's role as a professional association is to serve professionals and institutions on multiple levels. These levels include being a gateway, a platform, and a bridge.



OCPA serves as a gateway for professionals (aspiring and established) to inspire one another in this field. OCPA uses platforms such as the annual conference and professional development opportunities to encourage intentional conversation. In this same platform, OCPA can be used as a developing tool whether it may be giving professionals a place to present and share ideas or a challenge in critical thinking through case analysis.

OCPA also provides an opportunity to bridge professionals together. It can help to further break down the silos that many professionals are restrained within. Through the assembly of members and opportunity of roles in leadership, this organization creates an environment that makes connecting, especially with professionals and institutions in Ohio, easy and accessible.