

2019 Ohio College Personnel Association

Elections Information

Mark Zeno – President-Elect Candidate

Please describe your involvement with OCPA.

I am a life member of OCPA having served on the OCPA Conference Planning Team for several years. Recently, I have completed the two-year Conference Planning Chair position and have served in several conference committee positions over the last 20 years. I have also presented conference sessions, including pre-conference workshops, founded the MMI pre-institute and pathway, and helped develop the sponsorship program for the conference.

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

I am interested in serving as the OCPA president-elect as an opportunity to continue my service to OCPA and help further develop and grow the OCPA membership. As an active OCPA member, I appreciate the opportunity to help fellow higher education professionals as they develop and grow in this profession. I believe that I can help contribute to the leadership of this organization by continuing the work that current OCPA Leadership has contributed in the strategic plan as well as provide insight into other opportunities that will help this organization continue to grow. Have experience leading the OCPA Conference Planning team the last two years and being open and supportive to helping other develop and grow, I believe my experiences in higher education will help contribute to the overall mission of OCPA as an association that fosters student learning and development.

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

As a higher education professional for over twenty years, I believe I can help support the leadership direction that OCPA Board provides to its members. Being a servant leader, my willingness to be inclusive, flexible, and supportive of others shows my ability to cooperate with team members to further the mission of OCPA. I support the overall drive to continue keeping our organization the premier higher education network for professionals in Ohio and believe my past experiences, rolls within OCPA, and willingness to serve others aligns with the quality and skills this board is seeking.

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

As outlined in the core values, the OCPA board is directed to help improve opportunities for learning and development to occur within our profession. By supporting diversity and inclusive practices and policies, we create a positive and welcoming association for members to be involved and accountable too. The board must also identify ways to improve informed policies and practices within higher education so that events, programs, and operations of the OCPA association continue to support the mission and vision to advance learning and development in this ever-changing climate. I hope to continue the work that this association has created over the last 44 years and look forward to continue my service to OCPA!

