

Treasurer Candidate

Amanda Stewart

Educational Background

M.Ed., Higher Education Administration and Student Personnel Certificate: International Higher Education Kent State University, Kent, Ohio B.A., Spanish Certificate: Teaching English as a Foreign Language Study Abroad in Seville, Spain, Spring 2005 Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio

Work Background

Residential Life Coordinator, Ohio Wesleyan University, 2009-Present - Practicums/Internships in Career Development, Residence Life and International Admissions, 2008-2009 - Graduate Assistant, Leadership Development, Kent State University, 2007-2009 - Assistant Director of Admissions, Sweet Briar College, 2006-2007

Professional Organization Activities

OCPA - Member, 2007-Present
Annual Conference Planning Committee Member (for 2010 Conference)
Graduate Member-at-Large, 2008-2009
Presenter, Careers in Student Affairs Conference, 2008
GLACUHO - Member, 2009-Present
Health & Wellness Committee Member, 2009-Present
New Professional Annual Conference Scholarship, 2009
Annual Conference Volunteer, 2009
NASPA - Region IV-East New Professionals Institute, 2009
ACPA - Member, 2007-Present

I believe the role of professional associations, like OCPA and ACPA, is to serve student affairs professional by providing opportunities to: a) Share/brainstorm ideas, best practices and current trends b) Meet and network with friends, mentors and colleagues c) Continue to learn information and develop skills necessary for working in the field of student affairs I am honored to be nominated for the position of OCPA Treasurer. I am interested in participating as a member of the OCPA Executive Council because I would like to give back to an organization that has provided me, and continues to provide me, with excellent professional development opportunities (conference presentations, networking, the Job Search Boot Camp, committee membership, etc.). As Treasurer, I hope to assist the Executive Board in providing these and additional services to Ohio student affairs professionals. I can bring valuable skills and qualities to the Treasurer position and the OCPA Executive Council. As a previous council member (Graduate-Member-at-Large), I am familiar with the time commitment and responsibilities of Executive Council members and am prepared to provide the time and effort necessary to do the

job. Additionally, my strengths correspond with the tasks of the Treasurer position. I am very organized, efficient and detail-oriented, which will help me keep accurate and complete financial records. Finally, I am excited to have the chance to return to the Executive Board and collaborate with my colleagues from across the state. If anyone has additional questions about my qualifications or background, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for considering me for Treasurer of OCPA.

Member At Large – Graduate Candidates

Kristen Rothfeld

Hello, my name is Kristen Rothfeld. My Bachelor's Degree is in General Management with a minor in Human Resource Management from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. While a student at OU, I worked in Undergraduate Admissions, Orientation and New Student Programs, and with the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Program (a joint venture between the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the Alumni Relations). I am currently attending Kent State University and working towards my Master's Degree in Higher Education Administration and Student Personnel. I am currently working in the Donor Services department under Institutional Advancement, and am interning at Kent State University at Geauga & Twinsburg Academic Center working in the area of Enrollment Management and Student Services. I am a student member of OCPA, and attended the 2010 OASPA/OCPA Annual Conference, in which myself and another graduate student in Kent State's program competed in the Case Study competition. I am also a student member of ACPA College Student Educators International, and the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) National Chapter. I am interested in the position of Member At Large – Graduate. I am interested in participating as a member of the OCPA Executive Council for a few reasons. I have been wanting to get involved in a professional association, and OCPA is the ideal size for me to begin networking, and becoming active before making the next step to a national organization. I feel that with an experience working with other members of the Executive Council that I will have the opportunity to learn and explore the field of Student Affairs, and have a better idea of what I wish to do with my future upon completion of the position. I also would like the opportunity to meet with both young and experienced practitioners and learn how Executive Council operates in an organization such as OCPA. One quality that I have to bring to the position of Member At Large – Graduate is the ability to think of new ideas to help both the Graduate Students involved in OCPA, but also to help the Executive Council. Other qualities include hard work and dedication to my tasks, and completing my work in a timely fashion. I have past experience of working with a variety of professionals at different stages in their careers, and by engaging with these practitioners, I have learned how to work with a variety of different individuals, and how to help all of them work in harmony. I feel that with my knowledge of both social networking sites, and other ways of communication, I will be able to effectively communicate with my fellow graduate students, and be able to bring their concerns and ideas to the table during Executive Council discussions. The role of professional organizations such as OCPA and ACPA are to aid practitioners in the field with the education, professional development, and networking opportunities that are necessary in today's employment and education environments. I truly believe that one can never stop learning. Education is a vital part of every person's life, whether they care to admit it or not. Professional associations are key, in addition to professional

development offered at different institutions, to the continued growth and vitality of the field of Higher Education Administration

Anna Shewczyk

Educational background

Masters of Education, Anticipated May 2011 Kent State University, Kent, OH
Higher Education Administration and Student Personnel
Certificate in International Higher Education

Bachelor of Arts, May 2009 Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH
Double Major: Psychology/Philosophy

Work background

Assistant Resident Director, Cleveland State University, August 2009-Present
Dept. of Student Life Internship, Cleveland State University. January 2010-Present
Student Resident Director, Ohio Wesleyan University, August 2008-Present
Resident Assistant, Ohio Wesleyan University, August 2006-May 2008

Professional Organization Activities

Attended the Careers in Student Affairs conference in 2008
Attended and presented at the Annual conference in January of 2010.

My interest as a member of the executive council stems from my desire to learn, lead and engage. Like many of my colleagues, my interest in student affairs began when I was a resident assistant. At Ohio Wesleyan University I was a resident assistant for my first two years and the student resident director my third year. As the student resident director I had the opportunity to work with campus administrators and see the administrative side to Residence Life on Ohio Wesleyan's campus. It was during this time that I attended the Careers in Student Affairs conference which gave me my first real networking opportunity with other students and professionals in the field. This conference, coupled with my experiences as the student resident director, made clear to me just how passionate I am about this field. Currently, my classes at Kent State University and my experiences as the Assistant Resident Director at Cleveland State University have given me a better understanding of the diversity and complexity of the student affairs field, something that will continue to develop as my involvement in professional organizations like OCPA and ACPA increases.

Through my years in residence life, I have learned that working in higher education involves passion and hard work, both of which I will bring to this position. I hope to gain new experiences working with a variety of professionals, as well as increase my leadership expertise. Through my contributions to OCPA I hope to show the students and professionals the great experiences they can look forward to being a part of this professional organization.

I think the primary role of professional associations is to provide innovative networking opportunities to the students and professionals in the field. Engaging with other people gives individuals the opportunity to express their success and challenges, learn from others' experiences and make new friends from other institutions. The secondary role would be to advance the goals of the student affairs field. This can be achieved through conferences and other activities as well as implementing and enforcing professional standards.

Victoria Statt

Hello, my name is Victoria Statt. I have a Bachelor's of Science in Human Resource Management with a minor in Marketing and Business Administration. I am currently working on my Master's of Education in Student Affairs in Higher Education at Wright State University. I have worked in the Office of Community Standards and Student Conduct for the last three years as a student assistant. I am a graduate member of OCPA and NASPA and I attended the annual OCPA conference in January. I am also a member of Wright State's Student Affairs Graduate Association, which consists of students currently enrolled in the program. I am interested in the Graduate Student Member-at-Large position on the OCPA Executive Council. I am interested in this position because I think it would be a great experience and a unique opportunity to work with professionals already in the field. Being a member of this council would allow me the chance to help others in their interest with the organization and in student affairs. As a graduate student, being in this position would not only be a unique opportunity for me but it would allow me to help communicate to others the importance of being involved in a professional organization as a graduate student. I feel that I am qualified for this position because of my involvement on campus as an undergraduate and the positions that I held as a student. One of the duties of the Graduate Student Member at large is to collaboratively create a recruitment and retention plan for the Association. As an undergraduate, I was the Vice President of Membership for my sorority and the President of the Panhellenic Council. In both of these positions I had responsibilities for recruitment of women to my sorority and was responsible for the plan to do so. I am proud to have been a part of these efforts which taught me invaluable lessons about leadership. I also feel that I am qualified to represent the general interest of the graduate student membership because I am heavily involved on campus and am an active member of the Student Affairs graduate program. I am well liked by my peers and I feel this gives me the advantage of being able to address the concerns of fellow graduate students and express their needs to the Council in a professional manner. I believe that the role of professional organizations such as OCPA and ACPA is to promote the importance of student affairs by providing opportunities to further educate professionals. It is important for organizations like these to provide networking opportunities to bring professionals together in an effort to collaborate ideas for the ever growing and changing campuses at which they work.

Member At Large – 4 Year Public Candidate

Wendy Chetcuti

Hello, my name is Wendy Chetcuti. I am the Special Programs Coordinator with the Wright State University Police Department and have been with Wright State University for 12 years. I spend a majority of my day working with other Student Affairs professionals on projects and initiatives involving the Police Department. I have a bachelor's degree from Wright State University and am currently pursuing my master's degree in Student Affairs and Higher Education. As a part-time graduate student and employee of Wright State University I have attended 3 OCPA conferences and will be attending my first ACPA conference in March. I have been the Wright State University Campus Liaison for 2 of my 3 membership years with OCPA. I am also a member of NASPA but have not yet participated in any of their events or conferences. I am extremely interested in the Member-at-Large, 4 year public with OCPA. My interest stems from a belief that all members of professional organizations should strive to be involved in any way they can to grow the organization and assist the organization members, especially new members in becoming involved. I recall as a new member and first time attendee at the OCPA conference in Columbus how terrified I was because I did not know anyone except my fellow graduate students. As I have attended several OCPA conferences, I now find myself drawn to those individuals that seem to be lost and introduce myself to members who are new. I bring an outgoing personality and a willingness to try new and innovative ideas to reach new members and current members to attempt to grow the organization as well as make new members feel welcome. I am also organized and dedicated and believe I can assist the Executive Council in making OCPA better. Professional organizations like OCPA and ACPA bring professionals together. This is the most important aspect of these organizations. With all of the knowledge and years of experience being shared at conferences these organizations assist graduate students in, perhaps, finding their calling, assist new professionals with new ideas and strategies to accomplish their goals as well as institutional goals, and assist seasoned professionals with fresh and innovative ideas in areas that are emerging.

Member At Large – 4 Year Private Candidate

Daniel LaFuente

Educational Background

Graduate and undergraduate work at the University of Toledo

Work Background

Director of Residence Life at the Columbus College of Art & Design 07/06 - Present

Coordinator of Residence Life at the Columbus College of Art & Design - 10/04 – 07/06

Residence Life Coordinator at the University of South Carolina - 07/03 – 08/04

Professional Organization Activities

2006 OCPA Careers in Student Affairs – On-site Logistics Chair

2007 OCPA Technology Chair and Campus Liaison

2008 OCPA Technology Chair and Campus Liaison

2009 OCPA Webmaster and Campus Liaison

2009 OCPA President's Discretionary Award Recipient

Additional Memberships in ACPA, NASPA, ACUHO-I, etc.

I have been an active member of the board for 3 years serving as both technology chair/webmaster and our campus liaison. I truly wish to continue my service to OCPA and hope to serve as the Member at Large – 4 Year Private. I plan to communicate with my fellow colleagues across the state about issues ensuring that OCPA continues to meet the needs of its members. I believe this would be an excellent opportunity to grow within the organization and know that I will do my best to represent my peers.

I possess great dedication and respect for the higher education field and will take any position within the organization very seriously. I believe in getting things done in a timely fashion and making sure that I am available to our members. As the Member at Large – 4 Year Private I will make it my goal to openly communicate with peers at similar institutions to ensure that their ideas and concerns are heard at the state level. Additionally, I will make myself available to other board members assisting with conferences and using my past experiences on the board to help advance our mission.

I believe that OCPA and ACPA are organizations that provide our members with the gateways to share knowledge, to network and to grow the profession as a whole. We help cultivate future professionals and help advance our current professionals into higher positions. Our members trust that we will make wise decisions to serve the greater good of the organization while still remembering that all members need our services. We must ensure that every member feels welcome within the organization and believes in us.