

Candidate for Director - Member Services

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Why are you interested in this Board position?

The Director of Member Services position is one that affects and influences the organization at its heart and is critical to growth and development, not only in numbers, but in composition of diversity and inclusion. As someone who was once new to SoACE, I understand the importance of finding ways to feel included and have a sense of belonging, but even more importantly during these times, finding the reasoning to stay involved within an organization such as SoACE. While SoACE has expanded to over 15 southern "Sun-Belt" states, we know that committed members are already known. In this position, I would dedicate my time to continuing to retain the amazing members that SoACE has, develop new partnerships with institutions and corporations that would shine a light on the opportunities for both sides of the world of Career Readiness, and grow the organization in numbers and diversify the representation of our members to provide a more welcoming and inclusive environment for all.



What qualifications do you have that would make you a strong fit for this Board position?

The qualifications that I possess are unique compared to many individuals within the organization. Currently my position as the Social Media Chair under the Director of Communications and Marketing has created the opportunity for me to work within the organization from a big picture view. In this position, I work with almost every single area to assist in marketing and advertising webinars, events, and news releases, including the annual conference. As the Social Media Chair, I also have direct communication with SoACE Members through LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, as well as through other mediums such as the SoACE Conference App to understand and acknowledge issues, needs, and wants from SoACE Members. Beyond this position, my experience of being associated with a SoACE institution started with me being a member of the Kansas Association of Colleges and Employers (KACE) in the state of Kansas and now FloridaACE in the state of Florida, providing a unique perspective from two different state associations and institutions. My certifications in Sustained Dialogue and in the MBTI provide further experience and degree of fit to finding ways to increase membership within SoACE for individuals of all history, backgrounds, and personalities.

What leadership roles have you held within SoACE and other similar organizations?

Similar roles I have held include, but are not limited to the following:

- Social Media Chair: SoACE
- Instructor or Advisor for over 20 higher education courses or lab sections
- Graduate Representative: Kansas State University Honor Council
- President: KSU Higher Education Student Association (HESA)
- Rowdy Rocker Initiative, Co-Founder, SDSM&T
- Committee and Conference Leader: Professional Development Institute for Student Leaders
- Finance Committee & Advisory Board: Student Association Senate, SDSMT
- Chapter Co-Founder, Vice President & Secretary: American Society for Microbiology SDSM&T

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