

CCPA Leadership Team Elections 2009

Below are the names, positions, and nomination statements for individuals that are nominated for open positions on the CCPA Leadership Team. The open positions for this year's election are President-Elect, Director of Diversity Affairs, Director of Membership, and Director of Operations. A brief description of each position is also listed for your reference.

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If you have any questions, please contact CCPA President-Elect, Amanda Carlton, at acarlton@berkeley.edu.

President-Elect

Position description: The president-elect shall work collaboratively with the president to coordinate the business of the Association. In the absence of the president, the president-elect shall perform duties of the president. The president-elect shall chair the election commission. S/he shall serve one year following election, at which time s/he will assume the position of president.

Nominees:

Kim Hinckson

Assistant Director of Student Involvement, CSU Long Beach

Nomination Statement: Currently I serve as the Director for Communications on the Leadership Team of CCPA. Although I am a relatively new member to the group, I have been a part of ACPA since I began my Student Affairs career on the East Coast in 1996. The field is one that I care deeply for, and it allows me the ability to develop leadership skills and diversity awareness for young people and colleagues alike. As President -elect my job would require me to shadow the current President and assist her with duties as needed. I also hope to continue improving communication between the student affairs professional and graduate students in CA. I love to collaborate and look forward to working with a Leadership team that is diverse and have a similar passion for student development.

Previous leadership experience with CCPA, ACPA, and/or other professional organizations: I am a member of ACPA, Director of Communications for CCPA, member of National Clearing House for Leadership (NCHL), campus member of Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA), Chair of Black Faculty Staff Alliance at CSULB, member of Association of Black Women in Higher Education-LA Chapter.

Director of Diversity Affairs

Position description: The director of diversity affairs shall promote knowledge and awareness of diversity within the Association. S/he shall coordinate programs that promote the development of multicultural competencies of members and program participants. The director of diversity affairs shall work closely with other members of the Leadership Team to make diversity an integral part of activities and efforts of the Association. The director of diversity affairs shall be elected on odd years. This is a two-year term.

Nominees:

Leslie Meyer Peek

Resident Director, UC Berkeley

Nomination Statement: I am interested in joining the CCPA leadership team because I think that it is important to strengthen our communication and leadership within California. At times, we are at a disadvantage professionally because there is a disconnect between Northern, Central and Southern California. By creating a stronger structure within California, we can begin to have a greater impact on the national level. Although we have a large group of Student Affairs professionals within California, our state association has largely been underutilized. We are an untapped resource that can have a major impact on students across the state, region and nation. California represents a wide variety of experiences, identities and institutions. As the Director for Diversity Affairs, my first priority would be to get a wider range of people involved in CCPA. It is important to have many different perspectives at the table that will represent the needs and the trends of students and institutions across the state. I will also work with my colleagues within CCPA to enhance this position by creating clear goals and outcomes for the position. I am excited at the opportunity for growth and development with this position. Through this ongoing commitment to diversity, we will undoubtedly increase the quality of our service as Student Affairs practitioners.

Previous leadership experience with CCPA, ACPA, and/or other professional organizations:

Director of Membership

Position description: The director of membership shall manage the membership recruitment and outreach efforts in accordance with the diversity statement, non-discrimination statement and recruitment goals of the Association. S/he will chair the membership development and outreach committee. The director of membership shall be elected on odd years. This is a two-year term.

Nominees:

Emily Harris

Student Services Coordinator, Occidental College

Nomination Statement: I think that a significant component of this position is connecting members to each other. This past year, CCPA did an amazing job of offering more professional development opportunities with the state conference as the highlight. I would like to use this momentum by encouraging members to keep in touch past their conference and workshop experiences through the use of technology. Linked In is a great online professional networking tool that I would like to see more student affairs professionals use. An important element of this field is balance, and websites like Meet Up would allow for student affairs professionals in the same region to build relationships on a social level. Aside from providing a network for student affairs colleagues, I plan to recruit new CCPA members and get them involved in our organization. By building our relationship with graduate school programs within the state of California, CCPA has the potential to increase its membership. One way to do this is by collaborating with the Director of Professional development to arrange workshops at institutions offering these degrees. The location of these workshops would give CCPA direct exposure to new professionals. I would also work to get the California State, University of California, private college, and community college representative positions filled, giving a voice to the needs of the members different types of institutions. I have enjoyed my involvement in CCPA in the past, and I would greatly appreciate having the chance to serve my colleagues within California once again.

Previous leadership experience with CCPA, ACPA, and/or other professional organizations: During 2007-2008, I was the co-Director of Professional Development. The CCPA team and I collaborated to revive the presence of this organization within California. We did things such as host webinars, participate in the national ACPA.

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Previous leadership experience with CCPA, ACPA, and/or other professional organizations: I am an active volunteer in CCPA, the Commission for Housing and Residential Life, and the Standing Committee for Women. While I have not yet held a leadership position, I have attended and voted in several open meetings. I am familiar with the structure of CCPA and I will be able to step in quickly to do an effective job.

Noki Seekao

Associate Dean of Students, Student Activities & Leadership Development, California College of the Arts

Nomination Statement: I believe that by joining CCPA as the Director of Membership would provide me a wonderful opportunity to grow personally and professionally. In my current position, I create, explore and encourage ways to engage students outside the classroom whether it is by participating in an event, applying for a leadership position or challenging their beliefs. I am at a place now in career to give back those valuable lessons I learned from my peers and students. I remember how overwhelming it was to join a professional organization and feeling lost. For me this reaffirms the importance of constant outreach and creating a safe environment that facilitates and values mentorship. I have learned in my years that being able to foster meaningful interactions creates a vibrant and didactic community. The mantra that by working together we are smarter holds a special meaning for me, especially after attending this year's CCPA Annual Conference. Interacting with amazing individuals sparked my intellectual curiosity and a desire to collaborate with a dynamic group of professionals. I feel that the Director of Membership position would allow me to harness and challenge my skills for the benefit of strengthening membership of CCPA.

Director of Operations:

Position description: The director of operations shall keep all records of the Association, keep minutes of all business sessions of the Association and of the Leadership Team, disperse Association funds and prepare budget reports for the annual meeting. The director of operations shall prepare and distribute to the Leadership Team a bi-monthly summary of committee activities. The director of operations shall be elected on odd years.

Nominees:

Meredith Mickaliger
Resident Director, Loyola Marymount University

Nomination Statement: I have served on the CCPA Leadership Team for the last year and have had a rewarding and memorable experience. Through this involvement, I have been able to meet professionals from across the state and network with many other areas of Student Affairs. I have enjoyed getting to know my colleagues while also helping CCPA grow within the state. We have the opportunity to collaborate with the national organization as well - I truly believe we can be a very influential organization within California - and become a leading state division! . The professional opportunities are fantastic - but the personal growth and development I have experienced has truly been the cornerstone to my involvement. CCPA Leadership has helped me in the day to day as well as in the long-term aspects of my profession. I have been thankful to serve for the last year and look forward to furthering my involvement in the years to come.

Previous leadership experience with CCPA, ACPA, and/or other professional organizations:
CCPA Director of Operations June 2008-May 2009

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