

<u>Director – Member Services</u> <u>Megan Walters</u> UNC Greensboro

Why are you interested in this Board position?

As Director - Member Services, I would have the opportunity to support membership, state associations & consortia, consulting, and job board committees. The support offered through SoACE to our profession is critical, and these four committees play a pivotal role. I would be honored to work closely with this team to provide effective and efficient support to our members. The value added to our members and their organizations is excellent, and I would be proud to serve as an ambassador for our association.

The position of Director - Member Services lines up exceptionally with my skill set and areas of interest. Recruitment, training, and retention comes naturally to me. I would like to put this skill set to use by recruiting strong committee leadership, and retaining existing leadership who have been recruited so thoughtfully.

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

I am passionate about creating and maintaining professional communities, and would be thrilled to use that passion toward maintaining the high level of engagement in SoACE.

My strong written and oral communication skills will serve me well in this role, as I will need to rely often on virtual communication. I am skilled in professional writing and build relationships quickly. Within an organization of 1,000+ members across the southeast, deliberate communication is a must!

I serve UNC Greensboro as the associate director for career development. Management and strategy for our office is important to me, and my position has given me a deeper appreciation for the functions of this board role. Consulting services and job board support are especially important to my team, and I know we're in good hands. I would like to offer similar support to my colleagues around the region.

As a previous director of campus life, I develop practical programs, workshops, and presentations with ease. I would find great joy in offering an excellent transition experience to new members of SoACE through the new member orientation program. Although the audience was quite different, my time spent directing new student orientation programs at three colleges had prepared me well to support new member orientation programs. I manage logistics, participant expectations, and necessary adjustments well.

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

I served as best practices grant chair for the NC Career Development Association for two years. In that role, I coordinated recruitment for grant applications, as well as the review and award process. This role required regular communication with members from across the state, and a strong adherence to grant requirements and processes. My role on the executive board of NCCDA afforded me the opportunity to support the planning of annual conferences. I have a strong understanding and appreciation for the big picture, and am eager to do this at the regional level. I have not held any leadership positions within SoACE. I look forward to serving as a breakout session facilitator at our conference, and a scholarship reviewer for our association in the Spring.