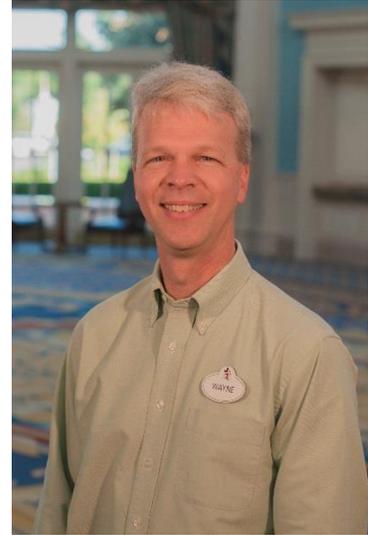


## Message from SoACE President, Wayne Hampton

Greetings!

Welcome to another exciting year of SoACE! After serving on the SoACE [Board](#) in other capacities over the past few years, I am privileged and honored to serve as your President for the 2015-2016 year. Whether you are a returning member or considering membership for the first time, I hope that you find membership in SoACE as valuable as I have!

If you are looking to network with professional individuals, SoACE has it. If you are looking for [professional development](#), SoACE has it. If you are looking to develop relationships with other individuals in the field of student employment, SoACE has it. And if you are interested in being a part of this organization as a volunteer, SoACE welcomes you! This organization is made of a number of fantastic individuals who volunteer their time to make SoACE the strong organization it is today, and we want to become even stronger in the future.



This year, we hope to continue to grow our membership, especially focusing on adding employer members as well as members who work at HBCUs/HSIs. As I am writing this (in July of 2015), we have an amazing [Conference Committee](#) finalizing plans for what we know will be an awesome conference in [Austin](#) in December. If you have not registered yet, please take a look at the [Annual Conference](#) tab on the site and start making your plans now – you do not want to miss it! As I mentioned above, [volunteering](#) is a great way to get started after you join; please contact me at [wayne.hampton@disney.com](mailto:wayne.hampton@disney.com) with your questions or areas of interest, and I will be sure to point you in the right direction.

Once you join, there are a number of ways to stay in the know: our [Facebook](#) page, our [LinkedIn](#) site, and our [Twitter](#) account. We also encourage you to join one or more of our [Knowledge Groups](#), which are designed to provide an easy way to connect with others in areas that are of interest to you. Of course, once you personally find the benefits of being a SoACE member, be sure to let others know about us and encourage them to [join](#) as well!

Thanks again for renewing or considering SoACE membership. I hope to see many of you in Austin, and I look forward to working with all of you to make this a great year for SoACE!

Best wishes to you!

Wayne Hampton  
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SoACE 2015-2016 President