



American Association for Women in Community College

National Board Election

Information Packet

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Meet the Candidates for Natl. Board Membership

Vice President for Professional Development Candidates



Dr. Kerry Levett, Incumbent

Dr. Kerry Levett's career path spanning both instruction and student services brought her to Cascadia College as the Vice President for Student Learning and Success in the summer of 2018 after serving at Lane Community College (Eugene, OR) for five years as the Executive Dean of Student Affairs. Dr. Levett fell in love with community colleges when first serving at Finger Lakes Community (Canandaigua, NY) as the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, after previously serving two private colleges, Hilbert College, (Hamburg, NY), and Cook College & Theological School (Tempe, AZ). Teaching fuels Dr. Levett's passion for working in higher education. In addition to administrative roles, Dr. Levett has served as an undergraduate full-time and part-time instructor and an academic program coordinator. She has engaged in a unique doctoral completion project with Northcentral University serving as an online dissertation chair assisting students in framing and completing their dissertations, and as adjunct in the doctoral Community College Leadership Program and master's Student Personnel Administration programs at Oregon State University. Always a student advocate, Dr. Levett is passionate about how and what students learn, especially as it relates to student success. During her doctoral coursework, she became interested in the power of data to influence the student experience through assessment and research. Applying that success lens, she lead a classroom research project on the impact of student generated rubrics on class outcomes highlighting students' meaning making when they are involved in the assessment process. Dr. Levett is a member of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC), is a graduate of the AAWCC Leader's Institute (2015), and attended and presented at the first national AAWCC conference. In 2017 she was elected to the national Board of Directors for AAWCC filling the role of Vice President for Professional Development.



Dr. Alison Buckley

Alison Buckley currently serves as the Vice President for Enrollment Management for Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU). In this role, she is responsible for leading the strategic enrollment management direction for the state's twelve community colleges. Dr. Buckley also plays a leadership role in consolidating the colleges into a single academic institution and serves on the cabinet of the merged community college. Prior to joining CSCU, Dr. Buckley served for seven years as the associate vice president of enrollment management at Howard Community College in Columbia, Maryland. She served as a director for the executive education division at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, College Park. Prior to moving to Maryland, she developed professional development programs at The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. She has taught at the American College, Dublin, the Community College of Philadelphia, Delaware County Community College, and Howard Community College. Dr. Buckley has presented nationally on matters related to enrollment management. She served on the Maryland state Taskforce for Students with Disabilities and the Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Two-Generation Poverty. She was a member of the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families. Dr. Buckley currently serves as the president of the alumni association and as a trustee of Randolph College. Dr. Buckley received her bachelor's degree from Randolph College, a

master's degree in history and a postgraduate certificate in museum studies from the University of Delaware, an M.Phil. in women's studies from the University of Dublin, Trinity College, an M.B.A from the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, College Park and a doctorate in organizational leadership studies from Northeastern University. She is a proud alumna of the Leaders Institute class of 2014

Region 1, Director Candidate



Ms. Steffani Williams

Steffani Williams has spent most of her career working in higher education with a strong passion for enriching the lives of students. Steffani started her higher education career working in financial aid at both Syracuse University and The University of New Hampshire. She has been with Onondaga Community College (OCC) for the past 13 years and has worked in different positions, including the Assistant Director of Financial Aid, the Assistant to the Vice President of Enrollment Development & Communications, and currently holds the position of Director of Development & Annual Giving for the OCC Foundation. Steffani holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Studio Art from The State University of New York at Brockport and a Master's Degree in Management from Keuka College. Her background includes 18 years of professional work in higher education, international relocation and human resources. At OCC, Steffani served as Co-Chair of the Events and Outreach Committee for AAWCC, then was voted in as the new President-Elect. From there, she assumed the role of President in July 2019. Steffani is actively involved in the chapter, bringing fun, empowering and engaging activities to the membership. Throughout this journey, she continues to network with others and make a positive impact not only within the OCC community and surrounding area, but throughout AAWCC.

Region 3, Director Candidate



Dr. Rosline Sumpter

Dr. Rosline Sumpter is the Associate Vice President for Curriculum, Instruction and Research at the South Carolina Technical College System Office. In her role, she oversees curriculum approvals for the 16 technical colleges, manages federal grants and institutional research, and provides support for statewide academic peer groups. Within her division at the System Office, Dr. Sumpter has been a constant "anchor," helping to keep the division afloat in the midst of several personnel changes and restructuring. As the academic representative for the agency on several statewide committees, Dr. Sumpter distinguishes herself through her engagement and professionalism. Additionally, Dr. Sumpter stays engaged with the profession through her service as a proposal reviewer for several conferences, journal editorial board member, and frequent conference presenter. As a practitioner-scholar, Dr. Sumpter maintains her research interests through the study of females in the community college and their experiences. Dr. Sumpter is a recipient of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC) Top 40 under 40 award and doctoral scholarship. Locally, Dr. Sumpter was awarded the SC chapter of the AAWCC's Woman on the Move award and the South Carolina Technical Education Association's Educator the Year (Staff) award. Dr. Sumpter earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Master of Education in Higher Education and Student Affairs, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Education Administration, all from the University of South Carolina.

Region 5, Director Candidates



Dr. Sarah "Sally Kay" Janes, Incumbent

Dr. Janes serves as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Continuing and Professional Development at San Jacinto College. She was the first President of the AAWCC Chapter at San Jacinto. She has served as the Region 5 Director since 2008. Sally Kay is a 'graduate' of the AAWCC Leaders Institute. During her terms as Regional Director, there have been 2 new chapters added to the AAWCC rolls as well as several new institutional memberships.



Dr. Lana Pigao

Dr. Pigao loves community colleges, so much so that she earned her doctorate in community college leadership at the Roueche Leadership Institute in Austin, Texas. Dr. Pigao started her career in public relations more than 20 years ago at a university in her home state of Hawaii and has remained in higher education where she has held marketing and communications positions at a number of community colleges. Along with her Ed.D., Dr. Pigao has a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Hawaii and an M.A. in professional writing from the University of Houston. She is very active in local civic organizations and has served on a number of organization and school boards. Dr. Pigao also loves teaching and has been a part-time instructor in communications writing, adjunct faculty for college experience courses, and was a long-term sub teaching third grade. Dr. Pigao believes that empowered women empower other women, and wants to help others reach their goals.

Region 7, Director Candidate



Ms. Larisa Alexander

Ms. Alexander is the Director of Projects and Support Services in the IT department at the College of Southern Idaho. Her career at the College has spanned many different roles from Instructor, Workforce Development Trainor, Support Services specialist and now Director. She is currently working toward her MBA degree through Idaho State University. She believes that her broad work background combined with her interest in Relational Leadership would be great assets in the role of Region 7, Director. She has served as President of the local AAWCC Chapter of Southern Idaho for two different terms and as a committee chairperson as well. She works to maintain opportunities for women across campus and within the community. She is a champion for recognizing women and their contributions to education and their college. She gained great Leadership experience and training by attending AAWCC Leaders Institute and have built upon the skills, relationships and opportunities it provided to further her career. The mission of AAWCC mirrors her values and she desires to build more opportunities within her region and inspire other chapters to collaborate and support one another.



Regions

AAWCC provides the constituency with regional directors for the eight AAWCC regions within the U.S. and Canada. Each region has a director who serves members, chapters, and sections.

Region 1

Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania

Region 2

West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, Virginia, and North Carolina

Region 3

South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee and Puerto Rico

Region 4

Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky

Region 5

Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi

Region 6

Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Minnesota

Region 7

Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho

Region 8

California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Alaska