

VACE | Virginia Association of Colleges and Employers | Nominees for board positions to begin July 1, 2018.

Nomination committee during 2017-2018 to select nominees for terms beginning July 1, 2018:

Chair is immediate past president: Catherine Copeland

Committee members: Denise Meadows, president 2017-2018, Peggy Reed, president-elect 2017-2018, Cristie Lucas, president 2014-2015

President-elect

3-year board commitment:
2018-2019: president-elect
2019-2020: president
2020-2021: immediate past president



Amy Foster is Assistant Director of Career Services at Roanoke College, where she has served since July 2007. She works primarily with college juniors and seniors throughout the job search process. She also serves on the Student Conduct Board. Her VACE involvement began as a 2008 conference newcomer. She joined the conference committee and served as registration co-chair, newcomer committee chair, and local arrangements chair. Her VACE board service includes: College Director / Conference Co-chair, 2014-2016; Director of Operations, 2016-2018. She also served on the selection committee for Professional Development Scholarship recipients for the 2017 conference.

Previous incumbents / presidential year:
Peggy Reed 2018-2019
Denise Meadows 2017-2018
Catherine Copeland 2016-2017
Ellen Masters 2015-2016
Cristie Lucas 2014-2015
Michael Lawston 2013-2014
Becca Scott 2012-2013
Barbara Hampton 2011-2012
Gary Johnson 2010-2011
Claire Childress 2009-2010
Erin Ogburn 2008-2009

Christine Harriger 2007-2008
Blake Wingfield 2006-2007
Mary Meade Saunders 2005-2006
Debbie Wilson 2004-2005
Lesli Henry 2003-2004
John Couch 2002-2003
Beverly Lorig 2001-2002
Donna Cassell 2000-2001
Toni McLawhorn 1999-2000
George Wells 1998-1999
Renee Herrell 1997-1998

Director of finance-elect

2-year board commitment
2018-2019: director of finance-elect
2019-2020: director of finance



Barbara Watts is the Director of Career Services at Sweet Briar College and has been active in VACE since 2016 when she attended her first conference. She comes to her work in career services with backgrounds in both student affairs (M.A.Ed. in Student Personnel Services from Virginia Tech) and human resources (having served as interim HR staff at Sweet Briar and as the Director of Human Resources at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC). Barbara also served as the Vice President of a small private company where she handled accounting, book keeping, and customer relationship management.

Previous incumbents:
Melody Iannone 2017-2018
Kimberly Phillips 2016-2017
Chris Campbell 2015-2016
Denise Meadows 2014-2015
Josh Fisher 2013-2014
Shannon Mahoney 2012-2013
Ann Mills 2011-2012
Michael Lawston 2010-2011

Formerly 2-year term as DOF; no "elect" year:
James Berricelli 2009-2011
Gary Johnson 2007-2009
Scott Robert 2005-2007
Formerly 1-year term as treasurer
Brian Chisom 2003-2005
Debbie Wilson 2001-2002
John Couch 1999-2000
Beverly Lorig 1998-1999

Director of operations

2-year term: 2018-2020

Nominee:

Carolyn Sutphin
Radford University



Carolyn Sutphin has been with Radford University 37 years, with 13 in the Center for Career & Talent Development. Credentials: M.S. in Educational Technology, Radford, 2004; Certified Global Career Development Facilitator, 2004; Federal Advisor Certificate Program, 2014. She has served on EACE, SoACE and VACE committees. EACE: Professional Exchange and Technology Committee (Storify tweets for 2015 & 2016 conference, website updates). SoACE: Employer Relations Committee, Knowledge Group, Marketing/Technology Committee. VACE: Knowledge Committee, Marketing and Membership Committee, Professional Development Committee, Conference Committee, Technology Committee, Drive-In Committee.

Previous incumbents:
Amy Foster 2016-2018
Ashley Crute 2014-2016
Krista Leighton 2014
Chandra Lane 2012-2014
Cristie Lucas 2010-2012
Raphaella Kamholtz 2008-2010
Jennifer Wiggins 2006-2008
Pam Herrmann 2004-2006
Lisa Hughes 2002-2004

Formerly secretary:
Barbara Kessler 2001-2002
Noah Davis 2000-2001
Ellen Taylor 1999-2000

Director of marketing and membership

2-year term: 2018-2020

Nominee:

Kelly Gooch

James Madison University



Kelly Gooch works for the James Madison University College of Business as the Assistant Director of Experiential Learning. Previously she served as the Recruitment Coordinator for the Center for Career Planning at Christopher Newport University. Kelly is a "Double Duke," having graduated from JMU with both her bachelor's and master's degrees. Kelly has been an active member of VACE since 2014, and has served on the Membership and Marketing Committee for the entirety of her membership. She has a passion for higher education, career development, human resources, and JMU.

Previous incumbents:

Sara Greene 2016-2018
Monica Hill 2014-2016
Ellen Masters 2012-2014
Laura Czerniak 2010-2012
Sandy Turnage 2008-2010
Denise Meadows 2006-2008
Linda Soller 2004-2006
Kathy Thompson 2002-2004

Director of technology and communication

2-year term: 2018-2020

Nominee:

Jonathan Byers

Virginia Tech



Jonathan Byers has served as an Assistant Director in Career and Professional Development at Virginia Tech since November 2015. He serves as liaison to the College of Natural Resources and Environment, the University Academic Advising Center, and the Department of Athletics. A VACE member since May 2016, he currently serves as Technology Sub-Lead for the Professional Development Committee, has coordinated the marketing and technical support for the 2017-2018 VACE webinar series, and provided training and support for the VACE webinar presenters. He is a presenter and scholarship recipient for the 2018 VACE conference, and serves on the Marketing and Membership Committee.

Previous incumbents:

Christina Brooks 2016-2018
Dorothy Hayden 2014-2016
Catherine Copeland 2012-2014
Chandra Lane 2010-2012
Laura Czerniak 2008-2010
Christy Walker 2006-2008
Chris Campbell 2004-2006
Eric Johnson 2002-2004

College director / annual conference co-chair

2-year term: 2018-2020

Nominee:

Kristin Stephens

Shenandoah University



Kristin Stephens is the Career Education Coordinator at Shenandoah University. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Roanoke College and a Master of Science in Counseling and Student Affairs from Radford University. She has worked in higher education in Residence Life and has taught leadership classes. She has been a member of VACE since October 2016 and has served on the Professional Development Committee since April 2017. In November 2017, Kristin hosted a webinar about using social media in Career Services. In January, she planned and presented at a VACE Drive-In Workshop titled "Know Yourself Better."

Previous incumbents:

Ashley Crute 2016-2018
Amy Foster 2014-2016
Katie Steuer 2012-2014
Beverly Reid 2010-2012
Barbara Hampton 2008-2010
Claire Childress 2006-2008
Formerly 1-year term:
Connie Hayes 2005-2006
Sandy Turnage 2004-2005
Mary Meade Saunders 2003-2004
Catherine Copeland 2002-2003

Formerly 1 conference chair / separate from college directors:

Mike Hobbs 2001-2002
Lesli Henry 2000-2001
Beverly Lorig 1999-2000
Donna Cassell 1998-1999
Toni McLawhorn 1997-1998
