

2006 CSPA/NYS Meet the Candidate Information Form

Candidate: Emily Balcom, President-Elect

Current Title and Institution: Director of Residence Life, Utica College

Personal Statement of Candidacy

I am honored to run for the position of CSPA President-Elect for the 2006 – 2007 election year. I am excited at the prospect of continuing to serve the Association in this leadership role. I have been involved in CSPA in a variety of different ways, and feel I am now ready to take on the role of President Elect in the organization. I have been fortunate, through my various roles on the executive and advisory boards, to have had a part in many of the exciting changes that have taken place for the Association in the past seven years. I look forward to the opportunity to build on that legacy and continue the work that our past leaders have accomplished. Due to the varied ways I have been involved in the organization, I have a very well-rounded view of the organization, its past, and the direction that has been charted for the future.

The incoming President-Elect is in a unique position to continue the work that has begun centered on the 2006 – 2008 Strategic Plan, and to guide the Association through to its realization. It is imperative that once elected to this position, the President-Elect must balance their individual goals with those that have been set forth by their predecessors. I believe my goals mesh well with our current plan and vision. As President-Elect, and eventually President, my goals for the organization are:

1. To develop additional opportunities for involvement outside of the annual conference and the executive and advisory boards.
2. To maintain effective communication with our members utilizing current and emerging technology.
3. To provide quality professional development and networking opportunities on a regional level, and develop a framework to effectively support this.
4. To create strategies to diversify the membership so that all New York State student affairs professionals see a place for themselves in the Association.
5. To strengthen the mechanisms through which viewpoints, experiences, perspectives, and ideas will be sought out and valued.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy, and it is my hope that my commitment to CSPA and my involvement in the association has earned your confidence and your vote.

Candidate: Emily Balcom, President-Elect (continued)

CSPA/NYS Involvement:

- 2005 – present – Appointed Secretary of Association
- 2004 – 2005 – Vice-President for Conferences – chaired 2004 conference and selected 2006 & 2007 conference sites
- 2003 – 2004 – Vice-President for Conferences Elect – planned 2004 conference
- 2002 – 2003 – co-chair for registration, 2003 conference
- May 2003 – chaired 10th Annual Placement Conference
- 2002 – 2003 – Member-at-Large – co-created SAMI track for 2003 conference
- May 2002 – co-chaired 9th Annual Placement Conference
- 2001 – 2002 – co-chair for special events, 2002 conference
- 2000 – 2001 – co-chair for hospitality, 2001 conference
- 1999 – 2000 – co-chair for hospitality, 2000 conference
- Fall 1999 – volunteer at 1999 conference

Other Professional Activities:

- Planned Parenthood Mohawk Hudson, Inc. – member, Board of Directors – 2006 - 2008
- Hudson Mohawk Association of Colleges and Universities – co-chair, Residence Life Committee, 2003 – 2004

Professional Employment Experience:

- Director of Residence Life, Utica College, August 2004 – present
- Assistant Director of Residence Life, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, July 2001 – August 2004
- Academic Advisor/Orientation Coordinator, Broome Community College, August 2000 – July 2001
- Resident Director, Binghamton University, July 1997 – August 2000

Education:

- Master of Science in Education, College Student Development, Alfred University, May 1997
- Bachelor of Arts, Clinical/Counseling Psychology, May 1995

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Candidate: Peter Fagan, President-Elect

Current Title and Institution: Director of Student Life, PrattMWP

Personal Statement of Candidacy:

With adoption of a new strategic plan and revised by-laws, CSPA has started a wonderful new journey. There are great things to come. CSPA-NYS is positioned to become the leader in providing local high quality professional development opportunities throughout New York. I look to build from the foundation set at the 2005 annual conference and our strategic plan. Working with the Advisory Board and membership I want to engage the tradition of continual professional workshops throughout the academic year.

In the area of continued professional growth and development CSPA-NYS can support, encourage, and empower our members throughout New York to conduct research, report on best practices, and remain leaders that others in our profession reference. CSPA can support research endeavors into student learning and development. The results of such research will find its way into publications, conferences, and workshops.

CSPA's membership must grow and diversity to meet the goal of becoming a leader in professional development. New York has hundreds of institutions of higher education and we must seek to diversify our membership by having members from all New York schools. By personally reaching out to colleagues at our own institutions and at other institutions we can double and diversify our membership. This strategy of personal connections worked for the 2005 conference and I know it will work in other areas of CSPA, including membership growth.

The last area offered is continuity. CSPA has been involved with significant changes that have led to the recently approved by-law revisions as well as the strategic plan. I am well versed in the discussions that led to the development of both. As such I have the necessary background to continue to build upon the foundation created so far and will be able to "hit the ground running" and move to the next step.

CSPA/NYS Involvement:

2005- Present VP for Conferences & Conference Co-Chair (Rochester 2005)

2004-2005- VP for Conferences-Elect

2003 - 2004 ACPA Men's Issues Liaison

2003- October 2004- 2004 Conference Co-Chair (Hudson Valley Resort and Spa 2004)

2003- Conference Professional Development Committee Chair

2002 - 2003 Mohawk Valley Region, Regional Coordinator

2002- Conference Vendors Committee Chair

Candidate: Peter Fagan, President-Elect (continued)

Other Professional Activities:

Mohawk Valley Dean of Students Network

Genesis Group- Higher Education Subcommittee- Campus and Community Relations

Professional Employment Experience:

2003- Present: Director of Student Life, PrattMWP

2001 - 2003: Career Counselor, Herkimer County Community College

2000- 2001: Adjunct Instructor, HCCC and MVCC- Humanities Division

1999 - 2000: Assistant Director of Student Activities, Siena College

1998- 1999: Adjunct Instructor, HCCC- Humanities Division

Education:

Master of Education, Student Affairs in Higher Education, Kutztown University, 1997

Doctor of Philosophy, Professional Studies in Education, Capella University, Currently Enrolled

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Candidate: Scott Helfrich Vice President-Elect for Professional Development

Current Title and Institution:

Assistant Director for the Office of Residential Programs, Columbia University

Personal Statement of Candidacy:

At may seem overly obvious but the Vice President-Elect for Professional Development position should strive to work with the membership to develop and implement professional development opportunities that are as appropriate as possible for all members of the CPSA-NYS community. As with any grass roots, membership driven organization, this position is as only a good as those folks willing to assist in making professional development opportunities a priority for the state. In talking with many peers their schools are already hosting great professional development opportunities. Consequently, I believe that we need to do a better job of advertising the work that is already being done on our campuses as well as opening up our departmental and institutional sessions, when appropriate, to other schools within the geographical area. The next question becomes what is the best way to highlight these opportunities. The easy answer but perhaps not the final, or only answer, is to create a professional development posting board on our website.

Other areas where the Vice President-Elect for Professional Development can serve to improve services is to work with graduate programs in Western, Central, Eastern and Downstate to create joint Train-ins that are open to all students, including college seniors, who will be completing a job search at the annual conferences. We need to do a better job of preparing our students to interview and negotiate the job search process. A number of schools have successful models that can be built upon if we work to create partnerships and still allow individual programs to maintain their unique identities. This position also needs to look beyond new professionals and actively seek to create opportunities for more seasoned professionals to share and gain new knowledge within the field.

Below are a few things I would like to accomplish for the membership in the Vice President-Elect for Professional Development.

- Establish more membership involvement in dictating as well as planning opportunities.
- More clearly bring our website into use for advertising institutional Professional Development programs.
- Work with the four geographic areas of the state to built upon Graduate Train-in Programs
- Develop professional development opportunities geared at folks 5 to 10 years and 10years and beyond in the field.

Scott Helfrich
Vice President-Elect for Professional Development (continued)

CSPA/NYS Involvement:

- 2002 - 2004 Conference Committee - Vendor Chair
- 2005 - present Membership Coordinator

Other Professional Activities:

- Teachers College Graduate Student Development Session 2006** - Co-presenter
"Resume Review - Tips and Tricks"

- Teachers College Graduate Student Development Session 2006** - Co-Presenter
"The Conference Experience"

- New York University Graduate Train-in 2002 - 2005** - Volunteer Mock Interviewer

- CSPA /NYS Annual Conference 2003** - Co-presenter
"Cornell University's Ambassador Program: Collaborative Recruitment Practices in Student Affairs"

- ACPA Annual Conference 2003** - Co-presenter
"Networking-Mentoring-Recruiting: Renewing Collaborative Recruitment Practices in Student Affairs"

Professional Employment Experience: (Job title, Institution, Dates of Employment)

- Residence Hall Director, Cornell University, June 2002 - July 2005.
- Summer Session Supervisor, Cornell University, May 2003-August 2003.
- Resident Director, SEMESTER-AT-SEA, January 2002 - May 2002.
- Transfer Center Residence Hall Director, Cornell University, July 1999 - January 2002.
- Director of Student Activities and New Student Orientation, Keuka College, August 1997- July 1999.
- Residence Hall Director, Keuka College, August 1997 - July 1999.

Education: (Please list Institution and Degree; option - include Area of study and date)

- University of Rochester - MS Higher Education - Degree Awarded 1999
- College Misericordia - BA History - Degree Awarded 1992

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Candidate: Jennifer D. Hinton

Vice President-Elect for Professional Development

Current Title and Institution: Assistant Director, New Student Orientation Program, Rochester Institute of Technology

Personal Statement of Candidacy CSPA-NYS is an organization that embraced me as a new professional. I have an extensive history and experience with CSPA and I want to contribute to the future of this organization. As student affairs practitioners, we need to be committed to our own professional development. Our involvement with professional development activities helps to keep us “current”, motivated, and most importantly, knowledgeable change- agents for on our campus, in our state and nationally. As the Vice President-Elect for Professional Development, I am committed to:

- Working with the Executive and Advisory Boards to restructure the RC position to meet the needs of the membership.
- “Train” the RC’s to meet the professional development needs of their regions and the membership.
- Play an active role in the shaping the professional development opportunities at the annual conference.
- Foster a spirit of professional development at all levels of the organization by implementing new and innovative opportunities.

CSPA/NYS Involvement:

I have been an active member of CSPA-NYS since 2000 when I returned to New York State after completing my degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education. At my first CSPA conference at Silver Bay, I was “recruited” to serve as the Co-Regional Coordinator (RC) of the Vintage Region; I served in this position from 2000-2003. The RC position provided me with the opportunity to network, collaborate with and coordinate several professional development opportunities for student affairs professionals in and around the Rochester area. As I advanced in my career, I became further involved with CSPA as a member of the Conference Committee. I have held a variety of positions on the planning team since 2003. My involvement includes:

- Vintage Region Co-Coordinator 2000-2003; recipient of “Outstanding Region”, Vintage Region, 2002 and “Outstanding Regional Coordinator”, 2002
- Conference Committee Programming Co-Chair, 2003
- Recipient of “Meritorious Contribution as a New Professional” award, 2003
- Conference Committee Marketing Co-Chair, 2004
- Conference Committee Logistics Co-Chair 2005 and 2006

Jennifer D. Hinton
Vice President-Elect for Professional Development (continued)

Other Professional Activities:

- Member of many Student Affairs Divisional and Institute initiatives including Safe Zone, CARES (sexual assault advocacy), and the RIT Leadership Institute
- Current/past advisor to numerous student clubs and organizations
- Frequent presenter at state, regional and national conferences
- St. John Fisher College Alumni Association of Rochester
- Member of ACPA

Professional Employment Experience:

I have worked at RIT since July 2000. Currently, I am the Assistant Director of the New Student Orientation Program. During my 6 ½ years, I have served the Institute in the following capacities:

- Program Coordinator for New Student Orientation, 2003-2006
- Interim RIT Leadership Institute Coordinator, Spring 2004
- First Year Enrichment Instructor/Performance Coach, 2003-2005
- Community Enrichment Coordinator (formerly known as Resident Director), 2000-2003

Education:

- St. John Fisher College, 1998: History, Education
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2000: Student Affairs in Higher Education Assistantship: Graduate Resident Director, 1998-2000

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Candidate: Michael Fogarty Vice-President for Conferences- Elect

Current Title and Institution: Assistant Director of Residence Life; Utica College

Personal Statement of Candidacy

I am honored and humbled to be considered as a candidate for the position of Vice-President for Conferences-Elect. To have the opportunity to lead the most visible and celebrated professional development activity that the association engages in, is something that will undoubtedly be a challenging, yet valuable learning experience. I have witnessed first hand over the past few years how the right leadership, combined with a diverse array of conference committee members, has enabled the annual conference to experience unprecedented growth. It is the responsibility of the next VP for Conferences-Elect to ensure that the planning and execution of the next two conferences continue this trend of providing our membership an unrivaled professional development experience. I believe that my experiences on the previous three conference planning committees, coupled with the values and philosophies I employ in my day to day practice, will allow me to succeed with this awesome responsibility.

One of the ways to ensure that the conference maintains its preeminence among other ACPA chartered state divisions is to continue featuring the foremost theorists and researchers of our field. To have the opportunity to hear from those that are setting the trends, beliefs, and philosophies of the profession is an element of the conference that will continually make its attendance a must item to include in any budget planning process. Additionally, our conference should include intentional mechanisms for encouraging the talented pool of new professionals and graduate students throughout New York State to have the ability to present substantive and innovative programs to their peers. If elected as the Vice-President for Conferences - Elect, these two tenants will form the basis of the vision I will bring to the conference. The following bullets points describe some additional goals I hope to undertake if chosen:

- Work to strengthen collaborative relationships with other statewide or regional organizations, linking their annual meetings with our conference dates, and further diversifying the attendance and possible membership of the association.
- Explore the possibility of placing the conference on an established schedule of locations, where the services offered and buying power of the organization may be maximized.
- Examine the structure of the conference committee to ensure that its composition is truly reflective of our membership.

Michael Fogarty

Vice-President for Conferences- Elect (continued)

- Encourage many of the conference functions, such as registration or programming, to better utilize technology in their assigned tasks and responsibilities.

CSPA/NYS Involvement:

- 2005-2006 Advisory Board - Member - at - large
- 2006 Annual Conference Committee - Co-Chair of the Registration Committee
- 2005 Annual Conference Committee - Co-Chair of the Registration Committee
- 2004-2005 Advisory Board - Member - at - large
- 2004 Annual Conference Committee - Member of the Programming Committee
- 2004 Association Awards Selection Committee

Other Professional Activities:

- Regional Entry Level Institute Participant, June 2005
- 2005 ACPA Annual Convention Volunteer
- 2005 ACPA Annual Convention Program Proposal reviewer

Professional Employment Experience:

- Assistant Director of Residence Life, Utica College, July 2005 - Present
- Residence Director - State University of New York - College at Geneseo, August 2002 - May 2005
- Assistant Coordinator of Student Activities - Penn State Altoona, August 2000 - May 2002

Education:

- Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), Masters of Arts; Student Affairs in Higher Education
- Siena College, Bachelors of Arts; Major - Political Science, Minor - Philosophy

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Candidate: Jennifer Cole, Member at Large

Current Title and Institution:

Assistant Director of the Higher Education Opportunity Program and Learning Support Specialist, Russell Sage College (of The Sage Colleges)

Personal Statement of Candidacy:

As a new professional, the concerns of graduate students and people who are new to the student affairs profession are fresh in my mind. I have gained tremendous experience and knowledge in my first professional position, and I hope to share my perspective with the Executive Council and Advisory Board so that decisions and actions can benefit graduate students and other new professionals. Additionally, as a staff member for the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), a New York State funded program, I have learned more about New York State governance and important issues in higher education, and I have become connected with other HEOP programs throughout the state.

I am committed to ongoing learning as well as personal and professional development. The best resources we have as student affairs professionals are each other, and I hope that my involvement as a CSPA Member at Large can help spread that message.

CSPA/NYS Involvement:

- Member since June 2005

Other Professional Activities:

- ACPA Member since September 2004
- Higher Education Opportunity Program Professional Organization Member since June 2005

Professional Employment Experience: (Job title, Institution, Dates of Employment)

- Assistant Director of Higher Education Opportunity Program & Learning Support Specialist, Russell Sage College (of The Sage Colleges) (5/05-present)

Education:

- M.A. Student Affairs in Higher Education, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2005
- B.A. Spanish & English, Cedar Crest College, 2003

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Candidate: Brian Haggerty, Member at Large

Current Title and Institution:

Associate Director for Residence Life, Buffalo State College

Personal Statement of Candidacy

I am excited about the vision and direction that CSPA as an organization has adopted. Over the past 6 years I have been afforded wonderful opportunities to contribute to this organization. Given my involvement as a Co-Regional Coordinator, and as a member of the Student Affairs Managers Institute planning committee, I feel I am well equipped to assist CSPA in achieving its vision of becoming a leading provider of innovative professional development opportunities for colleagues around the state.

This organization's success will lie in a dedicated leadership team and an engaged membership. I support CSPA's strategic initiatives and I offer collaboration, teamwork, dedication and enthusiasm to assist the organization in finding ways to meet the needs and interests of the CSPA membership.

Specifically, my goals for the position are:

- To support the continued examination and evaluation of CSPA's leadership structure, specifically examining involvement opportunities for members throughout the different areas of the state.
- To aid in the development of a strategic Professional Development Plan that appeals to a broader audience of colleagues around the state.
- To support the utilization of the CSPA website as an opportunity to share resources and promote the exchange of ideas amongst colleagues throughout our field.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to continuing service to CSPA as a Member-at-Large.

CSPA/NYS Involvement:

- Member, 2000 to present
- Student Affairs Managers Institute, Conference Planning Committee, 2005
- Co-Regional Coordinator, Great Lakes Region, March 2002 to June 2004
- Outstanding Co-Regional Coordinator, College Student Personnel Association of NY, September 2003
- Presenter, Successful Supervision of Graduate Students and New Professionals, Annual Conference, Fall 2001

Candidate: Brian Haggerty, Member at Large (continued)

Other Professional Activities:

- American College Personnel Association, Member, 1998 to present
 - Vice Chair for Publications, Commission for Campus Judicial Affairs & Legal Issues, March 2004 to March 2006
 - Directorate Body Member, Commission for Campus Judicial Affairs & Legal Issues, June 2001 to March 2004
- ACUHO-I
 - Graduate, National Housing Training Institute, June 2005
 - ACUHO-I Intern, SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn, Summer 1999

Professional Employment Experience:

- Associate Director for Residence Life, Buffalo State College (State University of New York), July 2005 to present
- Assistant Director for Residential Life, University at Buffalo (State University of New York), June 2003 to July 2005
- Complex Coordinator, University at Buffalo (State University of New York), August 2001 to May 2003
- Residence Hall Director, University at Buffalo (State University of New York), June 2000 to July 2001
- Graduate Assistant Hall Director, Kent State University, August 1998 to May 2000

Education:

- Doctor of Philosophy, Higher Education Administration, University at Buffalo (In-Progress)
- Master of Education, Higher Education Student Personnel, Kent State University
- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Binghamton University

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Candidate: Kerry Hughes, Member-at-Large

Current Title and Institution: Interim Director of Orientation and Communications Coordinator, Rochester Institute of Technology

Personal Statement of Candidacy

I have enjoyed and benefited from my experience on the Conference Committee and am now looking for a different way to serve CSPA-NYS. As Member-at-Large, I look forward to providing insight and input to the board from the membership as a whole, and to take on additional responsibilities or special projects as assigned by the President. While I have over 15 years of experience in higher education, not all of it has been in student affairs, which gives me a unique perspective. I have seen CSPA grow and change in just the two years that I have been involved. I am excited about building on the strategic plan set by the current leadership team and continuing to move this organization forward.

CSPA/NYS Involvement:

- Member since Fall 2004
- 2005 Annual Conference Logistics Co-Chair
- 2006 Annual Conference Logistics Co-Chair

Other Professional Activities:

- Member of ACPA, NASPA and NODA

Professional Employment Experience:

- **Assistant Director, Orientation Program.** R I T, Rochester, NY August 2005 – April 2006
- **Program Coordinator, Orientation Program.** April 2004 – July 2005
- **Program Coordinator, First Year Enrichment and Orientation Program.** R I T, Rochester, NY July 2003 – March 2004
- **Staff Assistant, FYE and Orientation Program.** RIT, Sept. 2000 – June 2003
- **Head of Information Delivery Services.** Wallace Library. R I T, Nov. 1992 – August 2000

Education:

- **Master of Science in Instructional Technology.** 2003. Rochester Institute of Technology
- **Master of Library Science.** 1977. State University of New York at Geneseo.
- **Bachelor of Arts.** American Civilization. 1976. State University of New York at Geneseo.

Candidate: Annette Robbins, Member at Large

Current Title and Institution: Assistant Director of Residence Life, SUNY Potsdam

Personal Statement of Candidacy I would like to work closely with the Executive Board to implement the components recently developed through the new strategic plan. I have been a member of CSPA as long as my career has been in Student Affairs. I feel CSPA has done a great deal of developing the direction and vision of the organization and now the time has come for implementation. I have grown in my professional development because of CSPA and would like to now give back to the organization that has played such a role in who I am professionally. Goals I have for this leadership position include: 1) increase membership through the channels of what once was the Regions of CSPA, 2) increase awareness throughout NYS about CSPA and what it can offer new and seasoned Student Affairs professionals, and 3) work with CSPA E-Board to ensure a successful implementation of the new strategic plan.

CSPA/NYS Involvement:

1998 to present = member, 1999 - June 2000 Regional Coordinator Mid Hudson Region, 2000- June 2002 Regional Coordinator for North Country Region, 2001-2002 V.P. Elect for Professional Development, 2002- June 2003 V.P. for Professional Development

Other Professional Activities:

Attended and presented at SUNY Cortland Res Life Conference 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005, Member of ACPA 2004 to present, Attended ACPA National Convention 2005, 2006,

Professional Employment Experience:

- Residence Hall Director, The Culinary Institute of America, October 1998 - June 2000
- Residence Hall Director, SUNY Potsdam, August 2000- August 2002
- Area Coordinator, Clinton Community College, August 2002 - June 2003
- Program Coordinator, SUNY Potsdam, August 2003- May 2005
- Assistant Director of Resident Life, SUNY Potsdam, May 2005 to present

Education:

- SUNY Canton, Associates Degree in Liberal Arts, concentration in Social Sciences, August 1989 - May 1991
- SUNY Plattsburgh, Bachelor of Arts in English, Minor in Recreation Management , August 1991- May 1993
- Springfield College, Springfield, MA, Masters of Education, concentration in Recreation Management, August 1993- December 1994

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Candidate: Ericka Smith, Member-at-Large

Current Title and Institution:

Complex Coordinator, Russell Hall, SUNY Delhi, Delhi, New York

Personal Statement of Candidacy

Being nominated as a Member-at-Large is a huge honor. However, as I tried to identify my goals for this leadership position, I realized that this position is not well defined. One of my goals will be to more clearly define the position of Member-at-Large-the position's responsibilities to the Board and the CSPA membership.

I have been an active member of CSPA for five years. I have increased my level of involvement and responsibility to the organization during that time. I feel that becoming a Member-at-Large is a natural progression of my involvement in CSPA. However, during that time, CSPA for me has been only the conference. As one of my goals, I would like to work to help create and support additional opportunities for CSPA sponsored programming opportunities outside the annual conference. One of my other goals as a Member-at-Large is to promote CSPA. I think this should be the responsibility of all Board members, but primarily the Members-at-Large, whose position should be to be among the membership and promoting CSPA and what we are doing and what the organization is about.

CSPA/NYS Involvement:

2006 Conference Committee-Co-chair of Programming subcommittee

2005 Conference Committee-Co-chair of Special Events and Hospitality subcommittee

2004 Conference Committee-Co-chair of Special Events subcommittee

2003 Conference Committee-member of Hospitality subcommittee

Volunteer at 2002 and 2001 Conferences

Other Professional Activities: None

Professional Employment Experience:

Complex Coordinator, Russell Hall, June 2003-present, SUNY Delhi, Delhi, New York

Resident Director, DuBois Hall, August 2001-June 2003 SUNY Delhi, Delhi, New York

Education:

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Management Information Systems,
May, 2001

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Candidate: Frederick VanStrander: Member at Large

Current Title and Institution:

Assistant Director of Residence Life for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Personal Statement of Candidacy

I am honored to accept this nomination for the member at large position. I view this position as one that acts as an intermediary between the general body of CSPA and the executive board. As such, I feel that I am an excellent choice given my proclivity for networking and socializing.

As a member at large, I would look forward to improving the visibility of CSPA to mid-level "lightly seasoned" professionals across the state. Many mid-level professionals did not "grow up" with CSPA, as many current graduate students do, and therefore don't know who we are or what we do. I feel this is a demographic that we would do well to target. I also see the member at large as a link to the new members. A primary goal of mine would be to get new members, regardless of their experience to see the "big picture" of CSPA and understand that we can be more to them than just the annual conference. Finally, given my work with the professional development and graduate student portions of the conference, I would like to expand the scope of graduate programs that CSPA draws from. By targeting a wider variety of graduate students we are better serving the entirety of Student Affairs professionals past, present, and future.

CSPA/NYS Involvement:

- Co-chair of professional development for CSPA Conference '04 and '05

Other Professional Activities:

- Former co-chair and chair of Hudson Mohawk Residence Life consortium

Professional Employment Experience:

- Residence Director, Hartwick College, '01-'03
- Counselor, SUNY Cobleskill, Spring '03
- Residence Director, UAlbany, '03-'04
- Assistant Dir. of Residence Life, RPI, '04-present

Education:

- UAlbany: Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy
- SUNY Oneonta: Masters of Science in Education: Counseling

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