

President Elect (two-year term expiring August 2019)

Emily Goff

Bio: I have been teaching for 17 years as a business education teacher with the last 8 in the Career Tech system. I currently teach 7th thru 12th grades at Morrison High School. I have served as the Northwest (Region 2) Vice-President for the past 4 years. I am also on the Scholarship Committee and am the current chair. I truly believe in the Career Tech system and feel that is a great asset to our state that needs to be promoted as often as possible.

Secretary (two-year term expiring August 2019)

Meredith Walker

Bio:

I desire to run for Secretary because I have a vested interest in assuring the BMITE Division maintains its high-quality reputation. As a BMITE member, I have worked to promote the goals of the division and CareerTech within my classroom and community. When I entered my current position five years ago, the program had experienced significant instability during the preceding three years. I recognized the challenges and committed to rebuilding the program and the BPA Chapter. Since that time, I have accompanied the sophomore class to "Sophomore Showcase" at the local technology center; discussed the opportunities and benefits of attending a CareerTech program during high school with my students; and organized CareerTech Month activities in my school, including an assembly and "CareerTech Night" during a home basketball game in which members of all CTSO organizations display educational booths and information about their programs. Additionally, I have created opportunities for BPA members to grow in leadership roles including candidacy for State Executive Council, competition at the National Leadership Conference, and earning the national-level "Quality Chapter" distinction for the past three years. I also co-chartered a National Technical Honor Society chapter in my school.

At the state level, I have served as a member of the BMITE Division Membership Committee for the past two years and as Interim Secretary for the past year. I have also served the division as a presenter during New Teacher Academy and Summer Conference as well as a Mentor Teacher. I was named the 2016 BITE Division New Teacher of the Year in recognition of my work within the division. In addition to my work experience, I have served as an Executive Board Member for the Chelsea Alumni Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, in the capacity of Secretary during the past seven years.

I believe my experience, vested interest, and desire to serve the BMITE Division are desirable qualities in a candidate for Secretary of the BMITE Division Executive Board. If you have any questions or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Region 1 Vice Presidents (one-year term expiring August 2018)

Tech Center – Jessica Schanbacher, NW Technology Center

Bio: After graduating with a bachelor's degree in 2004 in Business Education, I started my teaching career in 2005 as a middle level math teacher at Mountain View-Gotebo. I thought I was getting closer to my specialty area when I took my second job as a middle school technology-engineering teacher at Alva in 2008, and I was surprisingly wrong. After 3 years, I then stumbled upon my current position as a Graphic Design Instructor at Northwest Technology Center where I have taught for the past 6 years. Throughout my teaching career, I have been given many different opportunities that have not always been in an area of confidence for me; however, I have been able to adapt, embrace and persevere in each situation. I have learned and grown so much over the past 12 years of teaching, and I look forward to a new challenge!

High School – Lea Ann Meyer, Leedey High School

Bio: Lea Ann has had numerous leadership activities including serving on the Leedey City Council as well as serving on the board of directors for the Leedey Nursing Home. This year she had 10 students qualify as BPA Ambassadors.

Region 2 Vice Presidents (one-year term expiring August 2018)

Tech Center – Shelia McMurray, Meridian Tech, continuing; *no election necessary*

High School

Natasha Smith, Tulsa Union High School

Bio: As a young Career Tech professional, I am thrilled at the possibility of serving in the capacity of Region 2 VP for Middle/High School. Although this is just my second year of teaching, I'm not a stranger to the world of Career Tech Education or the BMITE division. I strongly believe that I would be an asset to the BMITE officer team and the division itself. Additionally, I know this opportunity would allow me to grow as a professional and help me become better instructor. With that said, I feel my qualifications are as such:

- Punctuality – I firmly believe in being on time, even early, to everything
- Detail oriented – I pay close attention to details and strive to do things right the first time but with the understanding that I'm not perfect and will occasionally make mistakes.
- Communication and follow-up – I understand the importance of clear and concise communication as well follow-up. Both are important to the success of a team.
- Team player – having served on multiple officer teams, I've developed the ability to work well with others. I especially have a strong understanding of how to work with individuals of different leadership and personality styles.
- Strong listener – I pay attention and listen for meaning. When I don't understand something, I ask for clarification.
- Computer savvy – combined with my attention to detail and listening skills I would be able to efficiently take accurate minutes of the meetings
- Passionate and Driven – I'm extremely passionate about Career Tech Education. As a product of a Career Tech program, I know first-hand the opportunities available to students. Now, as an instructor, I strive to ensure my students take advantage of those opportunities. I would bring that same passion and drive to the BMITE officer team.

Contributions to Business Education:

In the capacity of an instructor, my contributions are still few but valid. I spent the first year of my career watching, observing and learning – solely focused on teaching my students. Now, in my second year, I feel ready to start contributing in additional roles. I was always involved as a student, and I intend to do the same as a teacher.

I've served as the lead BPA Advisor at my school since my first year. Additionally, we've worked closely with our district Career Tech office to restructure our program offerings and are simultaneously teaching new curriculum as we develop it. During the 16-17 school year, I served on the BPA Steering Committee as Assistant Event Director for the 500 events. This upcoming school year I will be serving as the Director for the 500 events. Additionally, I current serve as the Diversity Action representative and as a member of the Nomination Committee for the BMITE division.

Prior to my career as a Career Tech instructor, I contributed to CTE and the BMITE division by serving on eight different officer teams at the various levels of BPA.

Thank you for considering me for the position of Region 2 Middle/High School Vice President.

Michelle Lewandowski, Broken Arrow High School

Bio: Ms. Lewandowski has been teaching Graphic Design with CareerTech at Broken Arrow High School since 2007. During that time, she has been responsible for her own program development as well as working to implement new programs to the High School. With patient nurturing of the program, she has seen her own enrollment triple and is currently working to add another teacher to her design program next year.

Innovation is the key in Broken Arrow and with the start of this next school year the CareerTech class in Graphic Design will have the option of AP credit and College Credit and two new teachers admitted to BMITE, with the 18-19 school year seeing two more adds in addition to this year's staff adds.

Coming out of Industry, herself, she is committed whole heartedly to the CareerTech mission of career readiness and life-long learning and works to promote this principal with her students by example as she works toward her Doctorate in Education.

Region 3 Vice Presidents (two-year term expiring August 2019)

Tech Center:

Darin Lackey, Francis Tuttle Technology Center, Portland Campus

Bio:

I have been a CareerTech educator for almost 19 years. I have been teaching almost 17 of those years at Francis Tuttle Technology Center in the Network Technology program. I have been an active CTSO advisor for all of those years and really enjoy working with students in that capacity. In addition, I have been involved in leadership within OKACTE for many years. When my trade group was a part of the Trade and Industrial (T&I) Education division, I served on many committees within T&I and OKACTE including the PAC, Awards, and Mutual Benefit Plan committees. I also served as the T&I representative to the CareerTech Administrative Council (CTAC). I held the Vice President, President Elect, President, and Past President officer positions on the T&I executive board. At the ACTE national level I have served as your Region IV Vice President on the ACTE board of directors as well as having served on the ACTE Executive Committee. During my tenure as Region IV VP I also served as a founding contributor to the ACTE Fellowship program and other task forces focused on increasing membership and member services. I feel that this experience would serve me well in executing the duties of the BMITE Region· III Vice President. I would really enjoy serving our BMITE membership in this capacity and look forward to representing you in OKACTE and ACTE.

Elizabeth (Liz) Dinkins, Francis Tuttle Technology Center, Rockwell Campus

Bio: The ACTE mission: It's our mission to provide educational leadership in developing a competitive workforce and that mission is exactly what I strive for every day in my classroom and in my division. I have worked within my division on advisory boards, presenting at conference, and as the Vice President of my region. I serve on our state BPA Steering Committee and help anytime state department calls. I am active on the local level by presenting professional development workshops, and have presented at various conferences on the national level.

I have been the BITE/BMITE South Central Vice President for 3 years. In this position, I update and try to connect teachers in our division. I report out at our state meetings for our region and help select the Outstanding Regional Member for our BMITE luncheon at Summer Conference.

As a member of the BITE Steering Committee, I take advice from my advisory board to help update the standards. I provide resources, and help identify SOC codes for our programs. I am also on the

Nominating Committee, and work toward keeping our division moving forward by nominating educators for our leadership positions who are innovative, creative, and passionate about what they do.

I have helped with obtaining prizes for the PAC auction, our division's luncheon, and our BITE social. I encourage others to think outside of the box, and help with these activities, as well.

I have presented at Summer Conference many times. I have presented to help teachers get their CTSO up and running; use of new technologies in the classroom, Basecamp & Slack; collaboration among programs. I co-presented on collaborative classrooms at the Best Practices ACTE National Conference in 2014, where another teacher and I talked about how we have worked together to give students the same type of collaborative experiences they will see in industry. We talked to the administrators about how they can be supportive and encouraging of new collaborative experiences in their schools and how it can not only benefit the student, but benefit the school. I also co-presented at the 2015 MBA Conclave National Conference, which was held in Oklahoma City over collaborative classrooms.

I believe networking is crucial to a successful CTE program. I am constantly searching for new opportunities for my students; for instance, I had students help with photography needs for the Career Tech Educator's Hall of Fame banquet. My students took and edited all photos, getting them prepped for online posting where the honorees and their families could download photos from the event for free.

State Department also calls on my students to create a directory every year, where students take headshots of all TechCap participants, and layout the contact information in a professional directory that we print and send to state department.

I have also subbed in on the Career-Tech Administrative Council and taken minutes of the meeting when we needed a representative for our division.

I truly believe, being a leader means getting involved. Lead by example, I expect the same of my students.

High School – Amber Harp, Little Axe High School

Bio:

QUALIFICATIONS

- Inventory/Expense reports/Payments
- Management of 45 varied accounts, totaling over \$150,000 yearly in funds
- Spreadsheet & Accounting reports
- Inventory & Records management
- Collect, organize, and analyze data; summarize findings; recommendations
- Administrative support to three administrators while overseeing three administrative assistants
- Provide support to 60+ personnel, attendance, substitutes

- Creating & implementing guidelines for faculty & students
- Customer focused, high expectations, decision making
- Self-motivation: Initiative and high level of energy
- Team-building, meeting & event planning
- Webmaster

- Tolerant and flexible with different situations
- PBIS leadership experience/support team member

EDUCATION

Summer 2015 2010-2012	Oklahoma State University, University of the Rockies,	CTE Courses M.A., Psychology: Educational Leadership
2008-2010 1998-2004 1998	Ashford University, Rose State College, Norman High School North,	B.A., Business Administration A.A., Arts of Science High School Diploma

CERTIFICATION

Oklahoma Teaching Certificate: Business Education (040), Career Tech Business (040),
Middle Level/Intermediate Mathematics (025)

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Microsoft Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, and Access
- Type 61 wpm, 10-key by touch
- Outlook and other web based e-mails
- Web 2.0 Tools, Internet

- Basic HTML 5/CSS
- Teacherease
- Adobe Photoshop
- InDesign
- Office 365

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

8/2013-Present CTE BMITE High School Teacher/BPA & Senior Sponsor

Little Axe High School

- Teacher of Today, Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma, 2016-2017
- Teacher of the Year 2015-2016
- Plan, prepare, and deliver instructional activities for Fundamentals of Technology, Administrative Technology, Desktop Publishing, Fundamentals of Web Design, and Multimedia & Image Management.
- Teach general education students as well as individuals with learning challenges and within a mainstreamed, inclusive classroom.
- Assess/analyze collected student data to look for growth and for areas to improve.
- Create and implement CTE curriculum activities that are real world simulations.
- Utilize online Learning Management System in all courses taught.
- Participate in training programs and educational courses to keep up to date with new teaching methods, new developments, teaching resources, and technology.
- Established positive relationships with students, parents, fellow teacher, and school administrators/staff.

- Business Professionals of America Sponsor: Compete in WASP competitions at the state and national level for the last four years. Student volunteer work/local community donations. Hold yearly elections for offices and monthly meetings. Strive for a student lead organization.

8/2013-Present CareerTech/BPA Contributions

- We have attended the last four fall leadership conferences.
- We have attended all but one State Leadership Conference. We were snowed out one year.
- 2016-2017: BPA Steering Committee; Assistant Event Director for the 200s.
- We have attended all National Leadership Conferences but 2016-2017. (My sister was graduating college the same weekend.) I have had students compete at Nationals two of the three times we have attended. One student placed 3rd at Nationals.
- I have attended all Summer Conferences since I became part of the BMITE community.
- I have participated in just about all of the professional development/training that CTE has provided throughout the school year plus: summer Moodle training, Invest Ed, Photoshop and other Adobe trainings, two years of OU Gaylord's journalism training plus grant.
- This summer I have received a full scholarship to attend the code.org training this summer in Houston to teach Computer Science and possibly AP Computer Science. It will include four follow-up trainings next year.
- I have attended two BITE committee meetings.
- Currently a BITE and OKACTE member.

Region 4 Vice Presidents (two-year term expiring August 2019)

Tech Center - Betty Lowrance

Bio:

Currently, I teach the Digital Media Production program at Gordon Cooper Technology Center – Seminole Campus. I have taught this program for eleven years. Students in my class study Multimedia or Game Design. Multimedia students study graphic design, animation, photography, video editing and video production. Game Design students study graphic design, animation, 3D modeling, game mechanics and computer programming. Students work independently and in collaborative teams to learn skills and complete projects.

Previously, I taught the Cisco Academy at Gordon Cooper Technology Center – Shawnee Campus for three years. The Cisco Networking Academy courses included IT Essentials and CISCO CCNA. IT Essential courses included computer repair, computer operating systems and Comptia A+ preparation. Cisco CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) courses included network models, cable installation, routing, switching, LANS, WANS, network configurations, access control lists and cybersecurity. I communicated and networked with business and industry to develop a pathway of employment for students.

Qualifications

BMITE Member – 15 Year

BMITE Executive Team – Scholarship Committee Member – 5 Years

National Board Certified Teacher – 2007, 2016

Oklahoma Department of Career and Technical Education (ODCTE) Conference Speaker – 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012

ESRI Teachers Teaching Teachers Geographic Information Systems (GIS) – ESRI Redlands, CA - 2015

ISM Films - 2011 – Hollywood, CA – Wrote Fund for Teachers grant, worked on film crew, created short film, trained in film industry with professionals

CEAC - Member of National BPA Classroom Educators Advisory Council - 2002-2005

Cisco CCNA Certification – 2004

High School - Kristi Loftin, Byng High School

Bio:

For the last five years I have taught Business Technology classes in a high school through a Career Tech program. In May of 2016 I completed my Masters of Education, Secondary Education (Educational Technology). My favorite form of professional development is an Ed Camp. I have attended several Ed Camps and have had the honor of working with other educators in hosting them.