

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Nick Orban for Credentials & Bylaws Chair

I am excited to be nominated to serve as the Chair for the Credential and Bylaws Committee for the Potomac and Chesapeake Association of College Admission Counseling. As an active PCACAC member since 2014, I have seen the great ways that this organization can empower members and support members to grow professionally and personally. I hope to continue that spirit as a member of the executive board.

By day, I am currently the Special Assistant to the Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management at the University of Maryland. In this role, I possess a unique position and perspective for our organization, as I have a hand in each of the major offices within EM: Admissions, Financial Aid, and the Registrar. In many ways, I think this position prepares me well for my role as Chair of Credentials and Bylaws. Credentials and Bylaws stretch through all components of our organization. From Membership to Admissions Practices to Finance, the Credentials and Bylaws committee supports many of the other committees within PCACAC.

A UMD “lifer”, I’ve been at UMD for my entire professional career. My “lifer” status also pertains to my education background: I completed my B.A. in Government and Politics; and I completed my M.A. in Teaching and Learning, Policy and Leadership, with a focus in Education Policy Studies.

Within PCACAC, I am presently the Vice Chair for Credentials and Bylaws. I’ve had the pleasure to work closely with Scott Mayer for more than a year to learn about the national trends when it comes to affiliate organization bylaws, as well as how he has navigated his term as Chair. My hope is to continue Scott’s vision and processes to ensure a smooth transition for our current leadership cycle. Prior to my position within Credentials and Bylaws, I served as the Vice Chair for Government Relations under Ginger Miller from 2017 to 2019. I’ve also completed the Leadership Education Webinar Series.

I look forward to serving as Chair of Credentials and Bylaws to continue to support PCACAC and its members. I hope to have your support, and look forward to continuing the great work of our organization.