

## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

### **Libby Weith for Vice President of Finance**

Giving young people the tools and skills necessary to lead lives of purpose. This has been my personal vision statement for quite some time now. Through my work in college admissions, and now as a high school College Counselor, I have learned that I absolutely love working with students and young adults. But more than that, I feel a great responsibility to ensure that they are prepared to go out into the real world and find their purpose. I want to help them learn to act independently, be resourceful, take initiative, problem solve, collaborate, and to take appropriate risks. I want to help them find their own voice. To do this, I often rely on the experiences and expertise of my colleagues. I attended my first PCACAC conference in 2008, and I was immediately hooked. What an amazing opportunity we have to collaborate, share, and work together to find best practices in support of our students. With not only PCACAC, but with SACAC and NACAC too, I am constantly in awe of the wealth of knowledge and the experiences of the outstanding professionals in the field. As a result, I have sincerely valued my time as a member of this organization – attending annual conferences and learning alongside colleagues from both sides of the desk.

I have enjoyed presenting at both PCACAC and SACAC conferences over the years, and serving on a number of PCACAC committees – Professional Development, Conference Planning, and most recently the Finance Committee, where I have served as the Vice-Chair and now Chair in my current role as the Vice President of Finance. I understand the importance of fiscal responsibility, and I have enjoyed being a part of the conversations that have ensured our financial stability as an organization. And we are so fortunate to have a financially stable organization. This past year has thrown us a few curveballs, and we are finding creative ways to generate revenue to support our outstanding programs. It's been a challenge, but at the same time it's been an opportunity to think through where our priorities really lie as an organization.

I want to ensure, as the VP of Finance, that we are able to continue to fund the professional development experiences for our members, to find opportunities and programs that further our mission and value statement, and to support our members as they do the important work of supporting students. It has been an honor to serve PCACAC as the VP of Finance and as a member of the Leadership Team the past three years. I genuinely appreciate the opportunity to be nominated again, and would love nothing more than to continue to serve this remarkable organization.