



2022-2023

The Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Inc.

ILASFAA CANDIDATE ACCEPTANCE

Name of Candidate: Kelly Owens

Candidate is running for the office of: Vice President for Community Colleges

Candidate's EDUCATION background -- degree, institution, year (year is optional):

I have my Associates of Applied Science in Executive Accounting from Northwestern Business College. I currently work at Elgin Community College and have for the past 15 years. I started out in the Financial Aid Profession back in 2003 and this will be my 19th year in financial aid.

Candidate's PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (please list current position first):

I am currently the Executive Vice President for 2021/2022. I have held positions as the Training & Professional Development Chair (20/21), Northern Regional Coordinator (19/20), a co-chair for Training & Professional Development (18/19), have served on the Conference Program Committee for the last 6 years, served on a few other committees- Facilities, Awards, and Legislative, and have assisted as a moderator and presenter at annual conferences.

Candidate's PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – years and activities:

I am currently helping to organize and plan the 21/22 Annual conference. Last year (20/21) I organized monthly brown bag discussions on various topics including two NASFAA credentials. I have helped plan and organize the Fall workshops (18/19), assisted with the ILASFAA conference program for the last 5 years (20/21, 19/20, 18/19, 17/18, & 16/17), and I have attended the ILASFAA conference since 2007. At Elgin Community College, I currently serve on the Emergency Management Team, am a member of the CERT team, and serve on the HAY Group committee. I have also served on the Tuition Adjustment Advisory Committee in past years.

What contribution do you envision ILASFAA making to the profession?

I believe ILASFAA can make an impact to all of our members and member institutions by providing them timely updates about changes in regulations and legislation and offering quality training that allows financial aid professionals to perform well at their institutions

and to grow as a professional. ILASFAA has the opportunity to unite schools and bring together diverse communities.

How would you support financial aid professionals as we move into the future for ILASFAA?

I would support financial aid professionals by being an advocate for them in whatever capacity was needed in order to ensure their voices and concerns are being heard in a time where there are a lot of changes within our profession and the future of what financial aid will look like going forward is uncertain. Communication is very important to me and I feel that is an area that is always lacking. I am also very organized and detail-oriented which allows me to see both the big picture and the finer details. Helping others see their potential and achieve success is the most rewarding outcome for me and I would love the opportunity to serve our members.

You are the Future of ILASFAA!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR ILASFAA ELECTIONS!

PLEASE RETURN your Candidate Acceptance to Karen LeVeque at kleveque@depaul.edu.