

## Statement of Candidacy

**Candidate: Michelle Buchanan**

**Network: STEM**

My experiences provide me with a unique perspective and skill set. I am aware of the importance and challenge of taking on the role of Chair-elect for the STEM Network. I currently serve as the Public Relations Coordinator for CEC-TAG and AERA Division K (Teaching and Teacher Education) as chair of their Digital Communications Committee for the Graduate Student Executive Board. For both of these organizations, I maintain the social media and create visual and virtual communication resources for members. Formerly, I was chair of the National Science Teachers Association's Science Matters committee where I helped communicate the importance of scientific literacy. In year past, I served the STEM Network as secretary and supported membership. I would like to lead this organization as Chair-elect and use my strengths and experiences by working, researching, and advocating for equity-driven gifted STEM education.

