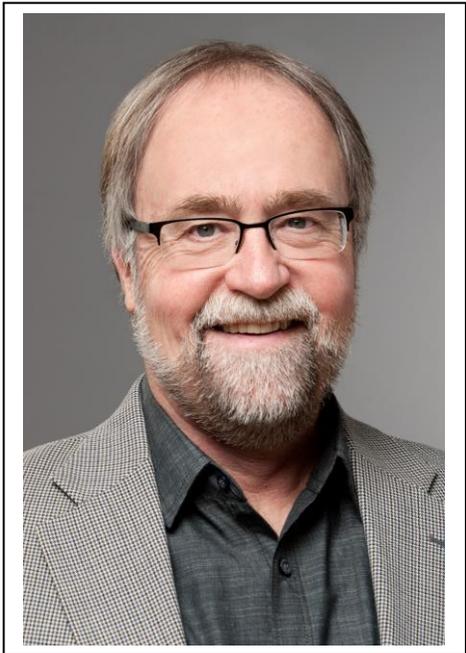


Jim Peacock, CCSP

Candidate for Trustee-at-Large



Jim currently serves on the NCDA Training & Education Council (TEC) finishing up his second 3-year term and was the chair of the TEC October 2020–September 2021. He has been a member of NCDA since 1998. Jim is committed to his profession, serving as president of the Maine School Counselor Association in 1998, and as president of Maine CDA in 2003–2004 when he helped found the association, and again in 2013–2015.

Since 2001, Jim has been a Facilitating Career Development (FCD) Instructor and delivered the FCD class to hundreds of people. He has written numerous articles for the NCDA Career Convergence and Career Developments magazines and authored *A Field Guide for Career Practitioners: Helping Clients Make Their Next Move*, published in 2019.

Since 2013 he has facilitated the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Workforce Practitioner group which sets up presentations for local career service providers three times each year. He also volunteers for the annual Maine Pond Hockey Tournament which raises money for the Waterville Boys & Girls Club. Jim earned a Master of Education in College Student Services from Oregon State University. In 2007 he received the NCDA Outstanding Career Practitioner Award. In 2020 he received the Ken Hoyt Career Education Practitioner Award from NCDA and the Mid-Atlantic Career Counseling Association (MACCA) Professional Contributors award.

Goal Statement:

Involvement with my profession has always been important to me, from my college years when I was president of the Natural Resources Club, to involvement with the Association of College Unions-International, National Academic Advising Association (NACADA), and now NCDA. After serving on the Maine CDA twice as president and as a board member for over 16 years, I wanted to serve at the national level with NCDA. The TEC involvement has been a great experience, and I wish to continue my involvement on the Board.

I bring to the Board, in the Trustee-At-Large position, a perspective on career development that includes my work in high school counseling, academic advising, outplacement services, and career consulting. Having worked in a variety of settings such as a career and technical centers (CTC), community college career centers, and liberal arts college career centers also broadens my perspective. My commitment to providing career services to the greatest number of people possible is why my work now focuses on providing professional development for other career practitioners. I still have much to offer and would love the opportunity to continue to make NCDA the best association in the world for career development.

Melissa (Missy) Wheeler, PhD, NCC, ACS

Candidate for Trustee-at-Large



Melissa “Missy” Wheeler is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Counselor Education at Sacred Heart University where she teaches future clinical mental health counselors remotely. She has previously taught online for two other university clinical mental health counseling programs where she oversaw teaching and revision of the Career Counseling course to graduate students. She has also taught career development courses to undergraduate students. Her experience includes work in college career development centers, student success counseling, and academic advising. Missy earned her Master’s degree in Counselor Education from East Carolina University and her Doctoral degree in Counseling and Counselor Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Missy currently serves as the immediate Past-President for the Virginia Career Development Association. She is also a member of the NCDA Research Committee, a committee she has co-chaired in the past. Missy serves on the Committee on Diversity Initiatives & Cultural Inclusion where she has supported the online resources subcommittee and the multicultural competencies revision task force. Outside of NCDA, she has also served as co-chair of the American Counseling Association Bylaws committee.

Missy has been an active member in NCDA including co-authoring a publication in *Career Convergence* with other members of the Research Committee. She participated in both the NCDA Leadership Academy and the Counselor Educator Academy. She was also a recipient of the NCDA Graduate Student Research Award in 2013. She enjoys supporting career development practitioners to develop research to support their practices, teaching students how to advocate for the needs of clients, and mentoring future practitioners. She was recently a mentor in the inaugural American Counseling Association Mentorship Program, and she has mentored other graduate students interested in college student development work. Outside of work, Missy spends her time with her twin 5-year-old sons with her spouse in Northern Virginia.

Goal Statement:

As the Trustee-at-Large, Missy will work to provide a space for members share their needs and vision for the future of NCDA. By connecting with members, leaders of state organizations, and constituency groups, she hopes to provide perspective for the Board on issues impacting career services providers and our global partners. Missy hopes to support the goals and strategic plan of the NCDA by providing innovative ideas that include the thoughts of our members. Additionally, she will work to advocate for our professional identity as career development and career services practitioners with our partners nationally and internationally.