



Nominated for Vice President
Brian J. Daniels
University of Tennessee System

Brian is the Chief Audit and Compliance Officer at the University of Tennessee System. Previously, he served as the Director of Internal Audit at Virginia Tech, and prior to that held various positions within Internal Audit at the University of Virginia, ultimately serving as the Assistant Director of IT Audit at the University of Virginia. He holds a bachelor's degree

in Business Information Technology from Virginia Tech, and an MBA from James Madison University.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors of ACUA, where he also chairs the Membership Committee. Major initiatives during his leadership of the Membership Committee have included the redevelopment and the expansion of the Mentorship Program. Brian has previously served on the ACUA Audit Committee. Brian has presented at ACUA national conferences on a number of topics, including Athletics, Computer Forensics, Financial Aid, Business Continuity, and Linux Server Security, and served in various other conference roles as well. In addition to delivering an ACUA webinar regarding IT Audit, he has also spoken at other national conferences and at a number of state-level engagements. Brian has participated in a number of QARs for ACUA peers.

Brian is a Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Information Systems Auditor, and holds the designation of Certified Forensic Analyst through SANS. In addition to his formal educational training, he also completed the College Business Management Institute sponsored by SACUBO and the University of Kentucky.

Statement

I am deeply honored to be considered for the role of Vice President of what has been the most influential professional organization I have ever been a part of. The connection with colleagues from all over the world has been an invaluable component in my professional development and in the professional development of the internal audit shops I have been associated with, including the University of Tennessee, which has a rich history of leadership and service within the ACUA community. These professional connections and even lifelong friendships may well be the greatest value of our organization.

ACUA is so dependent on volunteerism and service, and I have always strongly identified with that component of the organization. I strive to be a "completionist," partnering with the great number of perfectionists in higher-

education internal audit in achieving visionary objectives! I have had the privilege of participating in strategic planning with the ACUA Board and look forward to continuing this work on behalf of the organization, as we look to position ourselves for continued long-term excellence even as the world changes around us. With more than 15 years of higher-ed auditing experience, I am ready to serve the organization further in the role of Vice President!



**Nominated for Board Member-at-Large
Laura Buchhorn, CIA, CFE, CRMA, CGAP,
CCSA
University of Texas at San Antonio**

Laura Buchhorn is the Assistant Audit Director at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). Laura began her career at UTSA in 2005 and has previously served as a Senior Auditor, Audit Supervisor, and Audit Manager. Laura received her Bachelor of Business Administration and Master in Professional Accounting from the University of Texas at Austin. Prior to working at UTSA, she worked as an External Auditor for PricewaterhouseCoopers and as a Financial

Analyst for a small management company.

Since 2017, Laura has served as the Co-Chair of the ACUA Risk Dictionary Committee. With the help of ACUA's management company, a dozen committee members, and her Co-Chair, the updated ACUA Risk Dictionary is now live on ACUA's website in a new, refreshed format. In 2016, Laura was honored to receive the ACUA Member Excellence in Service Award for her role as the ACUA Midyear Conference Director. Laura oversaw the 2014 Midyear Conference in Atlanta, the 2015 Midyear Conference in Kansas City and the 2016 Midyear Conference in Portland. In addition to collaborating with the presenters, Laura enjoyed seeing the joy the Host Committees had when showcasing their cities for ACUA members. Previously, Laura volunteered as a Proctor, Track Coordinator, and Speaker on the ACUA Risk Dictionary at multiple ACUA Annual Conferences. Laura also participated in the ACUA Leads 2-year leadership program in 2012 and 2013 and later spoke with an ACUA Leads panel on Ethical Leadership.

Laura is a Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Fraud Examiner, and Certified Government Auditing Professional. Laura holds a Certification in Control Self-Assessment and a Certification in Risk Management Assurance. Laura has served as UTSA's Teammate Champion and co-coordinated the implementation of multiple Teammate Audit Management Software modules. In 2017, Laura was actively involved in the business configuration and deployment of the centralization of Teammate for all Audit Offices in the UT System and is serving on the UT System Teammate Operating Committee.

Laura has presented at the San Antonio Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors on risk based auditing and on an audit panel for the Cohort for Efficiencies in Research Administration (CERA) on new approaches to Research Payroll Confirmation. Laura was honored to be a member of the 2018-2019 Women's Professional Advancement and Synergy Academy (WPASA) Cohort at UTSA. WPASA supports a cross-section of women in higher education in various faculty and staff roles in developing their careers by building professional talents and enhancing leadership skills.

Statement

I am honored to be one of three committed ACUA members in the running for the one open Board Member-at-Large position for ACUA. ACUA has been an invaluable organization for so many members and I am thrilled with the opportunity to be a part of the active board that is leading and molding ACUA to best fit our membership. When I first started attending ACUA events and volunteering in various capacities for ACUA, I realized this organization was something special. I started off as many ACUA members do, a bit shy, but wanting to be a part of the action! Many ACUA members saw my willingness to help and encouraged me to keep getting involved in new ways. Really, the relationships make this organization so special. For that reason, in my role as Midyear Conference Director, my goal was to encourage host committee members that were new to ACUA to get involved. Now, many of those host committee members are strong ACUA leaders in huge and important roles. If I were selected to be a Board Member-at-Large, I would continue to focus on encouraging new volunteers to share their time and talents. I love the direction ACUA is going with re-vamping the Midyear and Annual Conferences to Audit Interactive and AuditCon. The new layout and approach are spot on with providing the very best knowledge sharing and CPE for our members. When I made the decision to run for Board Member-at Large, COVID-19 was not on the radar. However, I welcome the opportunity to work with the Board to ensure ACUA continues to provide the very best support possible for our ACUA members in this new environment. Thank you reading my biography and candidate statement and for your consideration.



**Nominated for Board Member-at-Large
Marion L. Candrea, CIA, CFE
Rutgers University**

Marion is a Manager of Audit and Advisory Services at Rutgers University, where she has been since 2008. Marion assists the Chief Audit Executive in executing her vision for the department by providing day-to-day supervision on audit, advisory, and investigation projects; participating in the annual risk assessment process; and developing presentations to the Committee on Audit of the Rutgers Board of Governors on audit activities, recommendations, and management action plans. Prior to joining Rutgers,

Marion worked at EY in its Risk Advisory group, based out of the New York City office.

Marion has been involved with ACUA for almost twelve years. Her volunteer services to the organization have spanned the gamut, including four years as Co-Director of the Governmental Affairs Committee, participating as a mentor in the ACUA mentorship program, and presenting at multiple conferences. Marion was also in the second cohort of the ACUA Leads! program and was the 2017 recipient of ACUA's Rising Star award. She has participated on a number of QAR peer review teams at ACUA member institutions and was a founding member of the New Jersey Audit Director Roundtable group. She is also a member of Big Ten® and Ivy+ direct report groups. Most recently, Marion has been filling a one-year term vacancy as a Board Member-at-Large.

Marion received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from The College of New Jersey and is both a Certified Internal Auditor and a Certified Fraud Examiner. She is a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. In addition to her professional experience, Marion has been volunteering with not-for-profit organizations for over eight years, including serving as a trustee for six. She was involved with Girls on the Run, NYC from 2012 through 2016, first as pro-bono bookkeeper followed by Board Treasurer. Upon completion of this service, Marion joined the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monmouth County, where she is currently Board Treasurer as well as Finance Committee Chair for the organization.

Statement

Over the past 10 years, I have had the distinct privilege of experiencing ACUA through a variety of lenses. Throughout my involvement, one fact has been brought into sharp focus for me—ACUA is an organization that comprises

committed professionals who are willing to volunteer their time and talent to serve a community that supports one another, benefits from shared experiences and expertise, and works to provide valuable resources and education to colleagues and friends. It would be a great honor to have the opportunity to continue serving ACUA as a Board Member-at-Large. While filling a one-year vacancy on the board this past year, I learned what a challenging, rewarding, and enriching experience ACUA board service provides. It has given me a new perspective on the inner workings of the organization. I am currently leading ACUA's Marketing Task Force, focused on developing, evaluating, and deploying strategic marketing efforts. I hope to be able to continue what I've started on this initiative! As the Communications Committee liaison, it has been nothing short of extraordinary seeing the dedication and commitment of ACUA's incredible volunteers, working hard to make sure that ACUA stays connected as a community, especially in these unprecedented times in our world. Prior to this year, some of my major accomplishments within ACUA have been expanding my leadership skills as part of the second cohort of the ACUA Leads! program; sharing knowledge through annual conference presentations and Journal articles; collaborating with colleagues to grow and lead the Governmental Affairs Committee; and most proudly, receiving ACUA's 2017 Rising Star award. Now more than ever, I am committed to furthering ACUA's mission of "improving the internal operations and processes of the individual institutions we serve through continued professional development and the sharing of experiences with friends and colleagues."



**Nominated for Board Member-at-Large
Kara Kearney-Saylor, CIA, CRMA
University at Buffalo, State University of New
York**

Kara Kearney-Saylor is the Director of Internal Audit at the University at Buffalo (UB) and leads a strategic and comprehensive risk assessment and internal audit program that supports UB's mission, plans and goals. She is the University's point of contact for all external audit activities and works actively with SUNY's Audit and Enterprise Risk Management initiatives. She is implementing Enterprise Risk Management and serves on UB's Information Security Privacy Advisory Committee. She has been an advocate for Information Security and Data Governance at UB, previously serving as the Interim Information Security Officer.

Kara has served as the Standards and Best Practices Committee Chair for the Association of College and University Auditors (ACUA) for three years. Prior to that, Kara participated on the Membership committee for a number of years. She also serves in her local chapter of the IIA, co-chairing the Academic Relations committee. She has presented at a number of ACUA conferences as well as local and national conferences including IIA, MISTI, and EACUBO. Prior to UB, Kara was employed at Boston University in the Audit department for ten years, most recently as the Interim Director of Internal Audit. She has Bachelor's degree from Northeastern University and a Master's Degree from Boston University. Additionally, Kara is a Certified Internal Auditor and has a Certification in Risk Management Assurance.

Statement

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to give back to the ACUA community. It is wonderful to work with such a great group of colleagues that engages and educates me every day. I have been a part of ACUA for more than ten years and it has continually helped me to excel in my career. I volunteer so that I can provide the same support to my higher education friends!

This is a challenging time for the higher education community. I hope that I can support ACUA and higher education navigate this challenging period. Thank you for your consideration and support.