

Andrea Burton

NCTA 2026 Treasurer-Elect Nomination Application

Please describe your contributions to NCTA, including what positions and experiences you have had within NCTA and what you have accomplished through these opportunities?

I joined NCTA in 2014 as a fresh testing professional trying to figure out my new role with little institutional support. NCTA filled the gap in knowledge in a way that is beyond value. Since joining, I have attended multiple national conferences, participated in webinars and book clubs, consumed thousands of listserv messages, and spent many hours on the NCTA website (and the old wiki). NCTA has been a constant support when trying to understand the profession and advocate for myself. With the support of NCTA, I have grown as a professional by presenting at multiple conferences, gained unique insight with the Special Interest Groups, and known my own worth enough to leave the comfort of the familiar to and travel to a new, better opportunity.

Please describe any relevant positions and experiences you have had outside of NCTA, yet within the testing industry, and what you have accomplished through these opportunities.

While the Testing Officer at McNeese State University, I had the opportunity to oversee the establishment of a new Prometric Test center on campus. This experience forced me into reading contracts and architectural plans, tracking funds and dealing with unexpected budgetary challenges, coordinating with the multidisciplinary team managing the construction, and finding creative solutions to the quirks of 40-year-old buildings. I was forced to think of testing from the foundation of building access and continue through the human element of traffic flow through the space. While this experience was one of the most frustrating of my life and I will never repeat it, I gained so much insight from it.

Please describe any relevant service or professional contributions have you made outside of NCTA?

I am the current co-chair of the UAFS Committee for the Assessment of Learning - Ccurricular and am responsible for the coordination for all assessment activities outside the classroom. With the Director of Assessment & Accreditation position at the university currently vacant, I am solely responsible for all committee functions. As the Director of the ASC, I report annually to the UAFS budget council and work closely with our Director of Budgets, Director of Accounts Receivable, and Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration to ensure accuracy in all financial documents. I participate in monthly budget checks and maintain accurate records of all transactions.

How do the experiences you discussed in the previous three questions qualify you to serve on the NCTA Governing Council?

Over the past 12 years, I have grown in knowledge of the profession as a direct result of my membership and participation in NCTA. By actively participating in NCTA membership activities with a variety of institutions, I feel that I have gained an understanding of both the core values of our members and the breadth of experience that we all have. Every institution is different, and I have the desire to represent and value those differences. I understand and value the accuracy and attention to detail that is required of the Treasurer-elect.

Explain why you are interested in serving on the Governing Council.

I believe that I have reached a place in my profession that allows me to start giving back to the organization that has helped me so much. I have benefited from both the wisdom and the financial support of NCTA. As a travel grant recipient, I understand the vital role the Treasurer plays in making a meaningful difference in the experience of our members. As the current director of an Academic Success Center that includes testing, I also understand the often-overlooked value of our profession. I am ready to support the advocacy and educational mission of NCTA in a meaningful way by serving as Treasurer-elect.