

**Theresa Beebe Novotny**

**NCTA 2026 Board 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?**

As a professional in testing, my involvement in NCTA and GCTA has been instrumental in my professional development. When I make a commitment to serve in a leadership role, I am committed to the role and the responsibilities. When there is a discussion or a deadline to meet, I will fulfill my role. NCTA has allowed me to grow and expand my understanding of testing and improve my ability to communicate more effectively on campus about our role within the institution. As a board member since 2023, I have provided perspective based on my experience in programming, leadership development, career services, and academic success. I have been engaged in our discussions on the board. Before joining the Governing Council in 2023, I was the Awards Committee Chair from 2016 to 2023 and a committee member starting in 2014. As chair, the committee expanded the recognition opportunities for the membership with three new national awards and a monthly Shout-Out. The committee streamlined the nomination process. I have been active in NCTA programs, including participating in all of the NCTA Book Discussions and leading the discussion of two books.

**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.**

With over 15 years of experience in the testing industry in a diverse range of administrative roles for the institution. The office administers the national SAT and ACT and ACT On-Campus Exam, the Accuplacer, high school administration of the Accuplacer for Dual Enrollment, proctor class midterm and final exams, CLEP, DSST, certification exams with MuzureU, Kryterion, ISO Quality testing, Georgia Teacher Certification Exam (GACE), and NTN.

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

I have been a member of the Georgia College Testing Association since 2005 and served on the Board of Directors from May 2008-May 2024. Other leadership roles in GCTA include: President, 5/2022- 6/2023 and 5/2011 - 6/2012; Vice President, 7/2010-6/2011; Past President, 7/2012-6/2013; GCTA Listserv & Website Chair, 5/2008 - present; GCTA Board Member, 5/2008 - present; GCTA Site Conference Coordinator, 9/2011-5/2011; GCTA Conference Presentations; Chaired the committee to incorporate the organization.

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

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

I look forward to continuing on the Governing Council to help NCTA grow and expand over the next three years. Serving has provided unique challenges, but it has motivated me to continue to serve the membership.

**Is there anything additional you would like to tell the NCTA membership?**

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2026 National Conference in September.