

# SECoPA POST



## President Corner

Happy New Year! This is our first edition of a newsletter to inform you of the Board's activities and highlight members' incredible work in public administration.

As we begin the new year, we will be focused on helping the talented team in Memphis for the annual conference in September. We will be updating procedures to address practical matters and renew focus on our endowment guidelines.

It will be a busy year! Feel free to contact me with suggestions, this is your SECoPA!

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## PAR Excellence

Congratulations to past SECoPA president Jeremy Hall for completing an impressive two terms as PAR editor-in-chief. In his final editorial, he thanked his team and noted the challenging work of all to bring PAR to publication. We thank him and his team for ensuring PAR is Google Scholar Ranking #1 journal in Public Policy and Administration category!

Another great congratulations to our incoming PAR co-editor-in-chief Katherine Willoughby-UGA from the SECoPA region.

We are proud of our SECoPA members' involvement with ASPA's premier publication.

## NASPAA Awards

During the 2023 NASPAA Conference, we happily noted SECoPA members were awarded 6 of the 19 awards in public education! SECoPA congratulates all the winners listed below:

- Dissertation Award to Bo Li
- Leslie A. Whittington Excellence in Teaching-Meg Streams
- Staata Emerging Scholars Award-Co-author Ju Won Park
- Pi Alpha Alpha Chapter Advisor Award of Excellence-Nicki Fraser
- Pi Alpha Alpha Chapter Award-University of Georgia
- Journal of Public Affairs Education Outstanding Reviewer-Beth Rauhaus

## Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met, via ZOOM, on January 16, 2024. We heard a preliminary final report from the Atlanta conference-still negotiating the hotel before a final financial report will be issued. The 2024 Memphis conference is underway and the program committee is meeting with topics forthcoming in April to the members. Committees are busy reviewing procedures for a refresh on the manual. We also agreed to send \$2,500 to support the ASPA National Conference-hope to see you all there!

## SECoPA Website

The website has been updated with Atlanta conference photos and a list of past Presidents with the corresponding conference cities as far as we had in our records.

## SECoPA Conference Survey

For those who attended the Atlanta conference, you have been sent a survey to complete. Survey results will be posted on the website.