



**To:** Voting Members of SWE Tampa Bay Area Section

**From:** Lara Bartholomew, Nominating Committee Chair

**Date:** April 16, 2018

**Re:** FY 2019 Officer Slate of Candidates

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It is with great pleasure that I announce this year's slate of candidates for our section officers along with a brief candidate statement.

**President** Carissa Giblin  
With the current focus on STEM gaps in our society, now is an exciting time for SWE Tampa Bay Area – especially with the WELocal arriving in 2019. As the Section President, I would leverage our local and society level resources to create an amazing experience for our members as well as conference visitors (Pssst! I already started getting some sponsorships.) Whether you are looking to expand your network, practice some professional skills away from your manager's eye, or just have a little fun with like-minded folks; SWE-TBA can provide that for you. With over 20 years with SWE, I have served at the society, region, and both collegiate and member section levels. I will use this experience to invigorate the member community.

**Vice President** Melissa Jones  
While serving as the FY17 Vice president for our section, I've realized the importance of representing our section in external forums. I would like to continue in this position to build on these partnerships and increase our footprint in the Tampa Bay Area. I believe in the mission of SWE and have a strong desire to encourage other women in this field. I will bring this passion to our section to encourage growth and membership.

**Treasurer** Courtney Araiza  
I was previously recruitment chair for SWE in college along with Vice President for Institute of Industrial engineers. I'm great with numbers and would love the opportunity to serve my local SWE section!

**Secretary** Katie Hart  
I am a Systems Engineer at Honeywell would be honored to run as a candidate again for Secretary of SWE Tampa Bay Section. I have already served one year as Secretary and enjoyed the experience and is looking forward to another exciting year to grow chapter involvement and plan more outreach activities with her executive board.

As you may recall, FY18 is the last year that our society organization will utilize Regions. As such, the Section Representative position is no longer needed and has been eliminated as an officer position of the section. Petitions for additional candidates can be addressed to the Nominating Committee Chair at [lbartholomew@heidtdesign.com](mailto:lbartholomew@heidtdesign.com) before April 30. Ballots will be distributed to voting members of the section electronically on May 1, 2018.