

Kristina Ricketts's Bio

Dr. Kristina Ricketts earned her Master's and Ph.D. in Leadership and Extension from the University of Florida, and is currently an Assistant Professor and Extension Leadership Specialist with the University of Kentucky. Her research interests include community leadership, leader engagement and international leadership development. She is currently providing direction for leadership development within Extension as well as programming and curriculum development within the department of Community & Leadership Development. Dr. Ricketts lives in Versailles, Kentucky with her husband Paul, and children Ava and Cole.

I am running for the position of Treasurer of the Association of Leadership Educators because I believe that I have the appropriate skills for this position, and think that it is time to give back to an organization that has given so much to me. I have been an active member of ALE ever since I was a graduate student at the University of Florida, and as a faculty member I am interested in investing myself and my time even deeper into this great organization. I have held the office of Treasurer for a number of other organizations in the past, and carry a basic understanding of finances, organization, and the time demands this position requires.

To the Board I would bring a strong work ethic, a vested interest in leadership education as a whole, and a desire to work with others and improve ALE as an association. As the premier association for leadership education, it is important for ALE to serve as a platform where current research meets viable practices, and encourages all leadership educators to be the best they can be. For, regardless of venue, it is today's leadership educators who have a momentous task at hand – to serve as the catalyst from which today's leadership knowledge is passed on to tomorrow's leaders. If we don't take on this assignment, who will?