

## **Diversity Section (DIV)**

### **Candidates for the 2021-2022 DIV Section Election**

The Diversity Section Nominations Committee announces the candidates for President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Current candidates for the 2021-2022 Section positions and are listed below. The election will open on Monday, April 26, 2021.

#### **President-Elect – Dr. Craig A. Sisneros, Oklahoma State University**



Dr. Sisneros serves as an assistant professor in the School of Accounting for the Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University after holding visiting and/or assistant professor positions at University of Utah, Wichita State University, and University of Colorado Denver. His teaching experience includes financial and managerial accounting, cost accounting, intermediate accounting, financial statement analysis, and a seminar in the Ph.D. program at OSU. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accountancy (summa cum laude) from Metropolitan State College of Denver and a Ph.D. in Accountancy (Finance minor) from Arizona State University. His research projects include the market valuation of accounting earnings components, earnings manipulation, and the organizational choices of distressed companies with publications in *The Accounting Review*, *Advances in Accounting*, *Review of Quantitative Finance and Accounting*, and *Accounting and Financial Control*. Dr. Sisneros previously worked as a controller for Central City Opera House Association and the CCOHA Endowment Fund. He serves as a planning committee member for the PhD Project, as faculty advisor for Beta Alpha Psi- Chi Chapter at Oklahoma State, and as a member of the School of Accounting Ph.D. Program Committee among other activities. Past service positions include Beta Alpha Psi- Theta Sigma Chapter where he was named Outstanding Faculty Advisor in 2017, co-chair of the Minority Affairs Committee at CU Denver, treasurer and chair of the Education Committee for the Wichita Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and executive director for the NABA Accounting Career Awareness Program at Wichita State. Dr. Sisneros and his wife, Greta, have two daughters, Sydnee and Danee. In addition to cheering on his daughters in sports and music, he enjoys golf, basketball, racquetball, camping, and other outdoor activities. In 2019, Dr. Sisneros was inducted into the PhD Project Hall of Fame recognizing his 20 years of service to the organization.

**Secretary – Josette R. E. Pelzer, College of Charleston**



Dr. Josette Pelzer is an assistant professor of accounting at the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina. Her passion for audit and increasing diversity in the field drive her research interests which include, auditor and investor decision making and diverse student experiences. In addition to her research and teaching responsibilities, she has spearheaded efforts to recruit new students to the field of accounting for her department and helped to increase departmental focus on a more wholistic approach to advising its students. Beyond academia, she has held various committee chair positions in local community organizations, giving her the opportunity to gain experience organizing and executing events benefiting local students.

She holds a Ph.D. in accounting from Florida State University and is a licensed CPA.

**Treasurer – Lynette Wood, Shaw University.**



Lynette Wood, Ph.D., CPA is the Dean of the School of Business and Professional Studies at Shaw University. A full professor of accounting, Lynette has over 19 years of university experience, both in the classroom and in academic leadership roles. She has served on the faculties of Howard University, Virginia Tech and Winston-Salem State University where she earned three university-wide teaching awards and served in various capacities including chair of the Department of Accounting and Management Information Systems and interim director of the university's honors program.

Lynette earned a Ph.D. in accounting from Indiana University, an M.S. in management from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and a B.S. in accounting (*summa cum laude*) from Oakwood University.

As a scholar, Lynette explores questions related to race and business—a research stream that is important to an increasingly diverse society. The findings from her studies, which have been published in both academic and practitioner journals, have the potential to benefit underrepresented minority professionals as well as the businesses that seek to attract and retain them. She serves as the 2019-2020 Treasurer of the Diversity section of the AAA.