

Jennifer Meadows
Candidate Statement
District 6 Representative BEA

I am thrilled to be nominated for District 6 Representative in BEA. I am currently Professor and Chair of the Media Arts, Design, and Technology Department at California State University, Chico. I have been a BEA member since 1995 when I attended as a doctoral student. I have been involved with several divisions since then but mostly with Gender and Sexuality and have held every position within that division including Chair from 2012 until 2015. During that time, I facilitated the name change from Gender Issues to Gender and Sexuality.

My other involvement with BEA include chairing the Diversity Committee from 2015 until 2018. Under my leadership the committee recommended actions to increase diversity and support diversity efforts on behalf of BEA. The committee developed the Diversity and Inclusion Research Paper Award and initiated a media and diversity resources page for the BEA website. I also helped facilitate a name change from the Diversity Committee to the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Finally, I was the Conference Chair for BEA 2018. The Spotlight was Inclusive Media.

My other board experience is with the Chico, California Community Access User Group, an advisory board to the Chico City Council for the public access television station. In addition, I have held numerous leadership positions at my university including Academic Senate Chair, Chair of the Executive Management Development and Evaluation Committee, University Budget Committee Chair, and Enrollment Management Advisory Committee Chair.

My main goal as District 6 Representative is to reach out to District institutions to bring in more institutional and individual members. I am always surprised to learn how many of my colleagues don't know about BEA and what the organization can do for them, their students and their institution. My other interest is to continue efforts towards diversity and inclusion within BEA.