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Dear Membership Involvement committee,

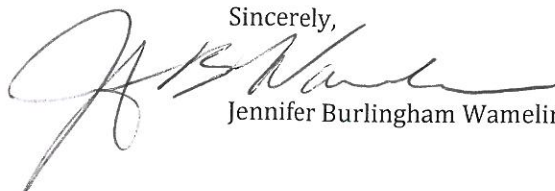
It is with great enthusiasm that I submit this letter declaring my desire to be considered for the Vice President/President Elect position with UMR-ACUHO. For fourteen years I have held positions of increasing responsibility with the Department of Student Housing at the University of Kansas. Currently, I serve as the Associate Director for Residence Life. During my years in the mid-west and with the University of Kansas, I have considered UMR-ACUHO to be my professional development home. Through the Association I have acquired additional skills and gained insight into new ways of thinking, doing, and leading. Most importantly, I have found a rich and diverse network of professional colleagues from whom I learn so much. These trusted colleagues have made UMR-ACUHO an inspiring and motivating experience for me each and every year.

With all UMR-ACUHO has meant to me, I know it is time for me to contribute in a new and challenging way. I believe the VP/President Elect position provides an opportunity for me to offer meaningful contribution and leadership to the Association that has given me so much. My involvement with UMR-ACUHO has been lengthy and varied. For many years I served as a committee member – first on the Financial and Operations Advisory committee and then with the Environment, Safety, and Physical Change committee in its final year. I was elected to serve UMR as its Treasurer in 2004 and served two years on the Executive Committee in that role. Then I served on the Professional Development and Training Committee and now as the co-chair for the 2011 annual conference. Through the years I have presented sessions, served as a moderator, and volunteered as a case study judge.

Through these involvement positions with UMR, I have repeatedly learned one clear lesson – what you give to UMR-ACUHO comes back to you in many rewarding ways. The more I contribute, the more I challenge myself to try new things, and the more carefully I consider a difficult decision, the more I learn about myself and others. It is this learning and this quest to be ever evolving and ever-improving that has kept me coming back to UMR-ACUHO year after year. A trusted mentor once shared with me, that each of his thirty-plus years in the field were different experiences. Even though he had held the same position for several years, each year brought new opportunities for learning. He did not want to be the professional that did the same job, the same way, and with the same quality of work each and every year. He constantly reached higher, further, deeper and sought to improve and grow. His words guide me as a professional and will guide me if I am elected UMR-ACUHO VP/President elect. UMR-ACUHO is a great Association. We do many things very well and provide an enriching experience to new and experienced professionals in our field. We need to continue to challenge ourselves to change, adapt, and improve to better meet the needs of those we serve. In this spirit and deference to those who came before me, I would honor and treasure our past while leading us toward the horizon to a bigger and ever brighter future.

Thank you for this opportunity to be considered for the VP/President Elect position. Please contact me if I may answer any questions for you about my enthusiasm for UMR-ACUHO and the college student experience or my specific skills and experiences.

Sincerely,



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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, May 1995
Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Bachelor of Arts, History, *cum laude*, May 1992
Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

CURRENT EXPERIENCE

Associate Director for Residence Life, *University of Kansas* *March 2006-present*

- Direct a residence life program housing 5200 students in residence halls, cooperative houses, apartments and family housing.
- Oversee residence life staffing, office reception, room assignments, contracting, and conference housing.
- Supervise, train, and evaluate five Assistant Directors.
- Indirectly supervise seven Complex Directors, 21 graduate students, 230 student employees and nine administrative specialists.
- Partner with faculty in Higher Education Administration in the recruitment and development of 21 graduate staff members.
- Ensure inclusive, academically supportive student communities and intentional interactions with students.
- Lead the development and assessment of residence life programs, including staff training, faculty in residence, learning communities, and retention based interventions.
- Establish occupancy goals that connect to and facilitate university student recruitment goals and priorities.
- Provide direction and leadership for departmental response to student conduct, crisis, and parent concerns.
- Participate in leadership conversations related to budget, resource allocation, construction, renovation, and master planning.
- Collaborate with campus colleagues, including Financial Aid and Scholarships, Student Involvement and Leadership Center, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Counseling & Psychological Services, Health Education and Student Health Services, Academic Achievement and Access, and University Advising Center, to provide service and support to all students.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD

Assistant Director for Residence Life, *University of Kansas* *May 2000-March 2006*
Assistant Director for Student Conduct and Scholarship Halls, *University of Kansas* *June 1998-May 2000*
Complex Director, *University of Kansas* *July 1997-June 1998*
Resident Director, *American University* *October 1996-July 1997*
Director of Residence Life, *Marycrest International University* *July 1995-October 1996*

UMR-ACUHO LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

Host 2011 Co-Chair, *On the Horizon*, *Topeka, Kansas* *2009-present*
Case Study Judge *since 2004*
Committee Member, *Professional Development and Training* *2007-2008*
Treasurer, Executive Committee Member *2004-2006*
Committee Chair, *Financial and Operations Advisory* *2001-2003*
Committee Member, *Financial and Operations Advisory, Environmental, Safety & Physical Change* *2000-2001 & 2003-2004*

SELECTED UMR-ACUHO PRESENTATIONS

Moving on Out: Transitioning to Mid-Level, *with Assistant Directors Chris Sowa and Natalie Timson, Top 5 Program* *2010*
Managing your gen-Xer boss *2010*
Living and Working Off Tempo, *with Assistant Director Natalie Timson* *2008*
Get a Yes from your Director *2008*
Mumps in the Midwest, *with Kate Fitzgerald, University of Iowa* *2006*
Don't Let Budget Cuts Rain on Your Picnic!, *with Troy Lillebo, University of Missouri, and Argyle Wade, St. Louis University* *2003*
Lessons Learned in the First Year Supervising Full-Time Professionals *2001*

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Letter of Support for Jennifer Wamelink

It is my pleasure to offer a letter of support for Jennifer Wamelink's application for the role of Vice President/President Elect of UMR-ACUHO. Jennifer has had my full support throughout her years of service to UMR, and I pledge full support of her continued service to the organization should she be elected to the role of Vice President/President Elect.

I remain confident in Jennifer's ability to effectively prioritize and balance her campus-based responsibilities with her service-based responsibilities in UMR-ACUHO.

I encourage you to give full consideration to Jennifer's interest in the UMR Vice President/President Elect role, and do so knowing that she has the full support of her home institution.

Sincerely,



Diana Robertson, Director
Department of Student Housing
University of Kansas