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Al is Past President of NSEE and Past President of the New York State Cooperative and Experiential Education Association. He was a founding member of the Advisory Committee for New York Campus Compact and currently on the Board of Directors for the Rochester Career Mentoring Charter School. He rejoined the NSEE Board of Directors in 2016 as Historian. Al has published and presented at local and national levels experiential learning, service-learning, internships, and career decision making. He received the Outstanding Faculty Advisor award from the National Academic Advisement Association. Al has an MBA from Syracuse University and MS in Career & Human Resource Development from Rochester Institute of Technology.

Stephanie Thomason, PhD - Stephanie Thomason is an associate professor of management and an associate director of the TECO Energy Center for Leadership at the University of Tampa. As part of her role in the Leadership Center, she heads its MBA coaching program. She has served on the Board of Directors for the National Society of Experiential Education, currently as president. She has published or presented more than 40 articles in peer-reviewed

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Rena Varghese, Esq. - Rena Varghese is the Executive Director of the Nexus Center for Applied Learning & Career Development at SUNY Farmingdale State College. The Nexus Center connects employers and community organizations to students and alumni for career and experiential learning opportunities. Rena received her Juris Doctor from Cornell Law School, is an attorney admitted in New York, and practiced corporate law. She has also served at St. John's University School of Law as a professor for law school courses, such as Legal Writing and the Externship Seminar corresponding to experiential learning. As an instructor for the Experiential Education Academy (EEA), Rena has led seminars on Legal Issues in Experiential Education, including at the SUNY Applied Learning Conference.

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