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2009-2010 State Officers**



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**Micah Hopper**  
**President**

**College attending:** MN West Community and Technical College, Jackson Campus

**Programs of Study:** Graduating in May of 2010 with the following degrees: Networking Specialist, A.A.S.; Computer Engineering Technology A.A.S.; Liberal Arts, A.A.; Information Security and Assurance, A.A.S.; Computer Support Technician, A.A.S.; Computer Engineering Technology, Diploma; Computer Support, Diploma; Computer Maintenance & Repair, Certificate; and, Information Security Management, Certificate.

**Years in BPA:** 2

**Greatest accomplishment as a BPA member:** At SLC 2009, placed 1st in Prepared Speech; 2nd in Network Design Team; and, 3rd in PC Servicing and Troubleshooting. At NLC 2009, placed 4th in PC Servicing and Troubleshooting; 5th in Network Design Team; and, 7th in Prepared Speech. Received the Statesman and the Ambassador Torch Awards.

**Hometown:** Lived in 8 different states and attended 13 different schools. Settled and graduated from high school in Montana.

**More About Me:** I moved to SW Minnesota and started working at the Mountain Lake Public School in the computer labs. In 2000 I married my wife and started working for a Protein facility in Mountain Lake. I performed a number of jobs working at the facility including, Quality Control, Data Entry Clerk, Inventory Control, Shift Lead, and General Operator of Machinery. In 2007 I was one of 28 people laid off and started attending school. I now have two small children, ages six and two and one half, and we have a baby on the way. We also have a 24 year old foster daughter.



**Jennifer Shrumm**  
**Executive Vice President**

**College attending:** MN West Community and Technical College, Canby Campus; and Moorhead State Community and Technical College.

**Programs of Study:** Medical Administrative Secretary and American Sign Language.

**Greatest accomplishment as a BPA member:** Placing 3rd in the Legal Office Procedures competition my very first year in BPA; receiving the Ambassador Torch Award; being elected as a BPA State Officer; and, being a finalist at the National Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas.

**Hometown:** Washburn, North Dakota.

**Hobbies and Interests:** Camping, sewing, playing piano, genealogy, and traveling.

**What do you hope to accomplish as a state officer:** To recruit more members, have more members participate in and receive Torch Awards and Special Recognition Awards on the state and national levels, and to bring together a more unified and cohesive Minnesota BPA organization.

**Your future plans:** My plans are to continue working on my Medical Administrative Secretary AAS and Certificate in American Sign Language. After graduating in May of 2011, I hope to find a great job and continue to be a strong active member in BPA. I also plan to take time and just enjoy my family and friends who have been unbelievably supportive as I pursue my education and during my terms as a BPA State Officer.



**Samantha Rhoda**  
**Recording Vice President**

**College attending:** MN West Community and Technical College, Granite Falls Campus.

**Programs of Study:** Business Management.

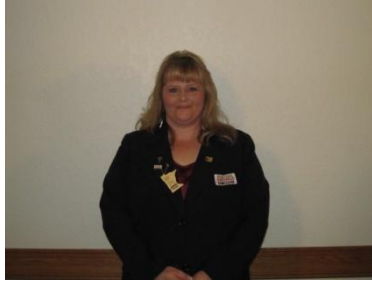
**Greatest accomplishment as a BPA member:** Learning to be strong and positive, and being able to talk in front of people.

**Hometown:** Maynard, Minnesota.

**Hobbies and Interests:** Walking, swimming, reading, bike riding, hanging out with friends, and being in BPA.

**What do you hope to accomplish as a state officer:** To get the members to be on the same level as the state officers and to have fun this year.

**Your future plans:** Finish my degree in Business Management and possibly come back for another degree--or get a real job when done and become Alumni for BPA.



**Janice Peters**  
**Vice President of Public Relations**

**College attending:** MN West Community and Technical College, Granite Falls Campus.

**Programs of Study:** I completed my Accounting A.A.S. Degree in June, 2009, and have started my degree in Information Security and Assurance with a certificate in PC Maintenance and Repair.

**Greatest accomplishment as a BPA member:** My greatest accomplishment is when I became the State Vice President of Public Relations.

**Hometown:** Montevideo, Minnesota.

**Hobbies and Interests:** I like to garden--both vegetables and flowers. I like to fish and camp and enjoy spending time with my family.

**What do you hope to accomplish as a state officer:** I would like to try and get people to become more involved with BPA. I hope students can learn from us just how much fun meeting new people can be.

**Your future plans:** I thought I had this figured out a long time ago! I wanted my own flower shop. It is not going to happen as there are three floral shops in the town in which I live. I decided to go back to school and get my degree in accounting. Now that I have finished my accounting degree, I added information security to make myself more of an asset to a company. My hope is to find a job that I will enjoy doing.



**Teanna Allen**  
**Vice President of Professional Management**

**College attending:** Alexandria Technical College

**Programs of Study:** A.A.S. in Accounting with emphasis in finance and credit.

**Greatest accomplishment as a BPA member:** Ambassador Torch Award and placing 2nd in Interview Skills.

**Hometown:** Cadillac, Michigan.

**Hobbies and Interests:** Family time, hunting, fishing, sports, traveling, time with friends, and shopping.

**What do you hope to accomplish as a state officer:** To inspire as many people to become active with their local, state, and even national BPA divisions. If I can be a mom, army wife, full-time A+ student, and be active with BPA, then anyone can get them self active in their local BPA chapter. I would also like to see the Torch Award Program introduced earlier to the local chapters and try to get opportunities announced to members so that we can get as many members to Nationals just by doing things for their communities.

**Your future plans:** I will be graduating in the spring of 2010 and would like to start working right away. I really would like to get some good experience in the accounting area before continuing my education. Depending on where my husband will be stationed next, I may start on my BAS in Business Management within the next two years. I do see BPA being in my schedule for a long time running. I just can't get away from it!

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