

Hello fellow HSA members,

My name is Heather Goldsborough. I have been serving as your treasurer for the past academic year and would like to run for reelection. Last year, my campaign write up focused on my feelings and qualifications. This year I would like to shed some illumination on what your Board has accomplished over the course of our short terms and speak a bit about the future.

Our offices took effect July of last year. That summer, we immediately began the task of revising our Constitution and Bylaws. After at least 4 or 5 email versions of edits and suggestions, we were ready to work in person. For the next few months we met and went over the documents line for line with a fine tooth comb. Our objective: to create something transparent in simple clear language, that didn't contradict itself, and ensured that no individual held more than the necessary authority to do their job. In other words, have no secrets, no loop holes, and as much decision making up to you guys as possible. It took us most of a semester to accomplish our goal, but I am very proud of the finished product. Since then, most of our focus has been on learning to keep up with the ever changing requirements for campus organizations. We have also been fundraising of course.

This year, we got on our feet so to speak. Next year, I hope we will really start to thrive. The next step, as I see it from a money point of view, is a bank account. I have proposed that we apply for nonprofit status through the IRS so that we can obtain an off campus account. A regular bank account would give us more freedom as an organization, but also comes with a greater load of responsibility than having one on campus. With that in mind, if I am elected, I encourage you to please let me know your opinions on this matter. I see my title not as a position of authority, but as a way to serve you all. I cannot do that well if I don't know your thoughts.

In hopes of another fruitful year,

Heather Goldsborough

If you haven't met me yet or would like to ask a question, feel free to email me at hgoldsborough@umes.edu