

The year was 1998. The Winter Olympics were held in Nagano, Japan. *Titanic* won the Oscar™ for Best Picture. In Menlo Park, CA, a little company with an odd name was launched, called Google. And I attended my first Broadcast Education Association Convention.

As our students say, it has been a hot minute since. A very hot minute, when one looks even at the developments in our own field. Every year brought a new technology, or at least a new acronym. DV, VR, AR, AI. Some of them have changed our world, like the smartphone with which I'm multitasking as I write. Some of them... well... does anyone else remember the year of 3D-TV?

Through all these changes, and more besides, the BEA has been a constant in my life. I have been blessed to present at every convention held since 2000. Those presentations have developed into multiple articles. I have been honored with recognition from BEA's Festival of Media Arts on multiple occasions, as well. I have also served on the other side of the coin, as a frequent judge for the Festival, as a reviewer for numerous paper and research competitions at the Convention, and as a peer reviewer for the Journal of Media Education. Most publicly, I have served as the Chair of two Interest Divisions, Religion & Media and Writing (the latter in two separate terms).

It is this last service that I believe gives me a rare and useful perspective to bring to the BEA Board, as BEA reviews the board structure with an eye toward more Interest Division-based representation. While this would be a major change in the organization, I intend my work with District 3 to continue the strong direction established by outgoing D3 rep Sara Magee. In particular, I hope to bring about the second Summer Station Faculty Fellowship in the District. I also have ambitions of hosting an On Location meeting in the district.

And so, to paraphrase the immortal words of Inigo Montoya, before it is too long, I sum up. I would be honored to serve as your District 3 representative for the next term. Whether that comes about or not, though, I hope to see all of you next year, again, in Las Vegas.