

Kim Fox BEA International Representative

2026 Campaign Statement

I am currently a professor of practice at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, and I am seeking your support in the election for the **International Representative** on the BEA Board of Directors.

My involvement with BEA began in 2003 when I was a graduate student at Ohio University. Over the past 20+ years, I have remained actively engaged in BEA divisions, initiatives and leadership. I have served on the Curriculum, Assessment and Administration (CAA) Division's leadership and have contributed to the BEA Model Rubrics Project and Assessment Bootcamp, both CAA initiatives. I am an admin of the BEA Teaching Audio Production Facebook Group. My passion for radio and podcasting made my eight-year leadership tenure in the Radio & Audio Media (RAM) Division especially meaningful, culminating in my service as division chair. I also served two terms on the BEA Board as the **International Representative**. Perhaps most notably, I served as BEA president from 2023-2024. These experiences have given me a broad understanding of BEA's mission, its membership and the opportunities and challenges facing our field.

I have consistently submitted student work to the BEA Festival of Media Arts (FMA). In 2014, one of my audio production students won Best of Festival in the student audio category. Our award-winning students are always excited by the opportunity to travel from Cairo to Las Vegas for the annual convention. Our program's consistent recognition in the FMA has contributed to its current ranking of 16th on BEA's Student Rankings list. I have also been committed to supporting the festival through my service as a juror.

My many years of involvement with BEA demonstrate that it's more than a professional organization to me. With colleagues who are also members and a longstanding institutional membership at my university, I have seen firsthand how BEA fosters collaboration across borders and disciplines and brings international perspectives to media education. It's been a pleasure to hold meaningful titles within BEA: presenter, moderator, mentor, award-winner, etc., while introducing and encouraging others to actively participate in our professional community.

If elected to serve again as International Representative, I will:

- **STRENGTHEN CONNECTIONS** among International members and encourage greater participation in BEA's divisions, activities and leadership.
- **INCREASE VISIBILITY** for the work and achievements of our members through BEA's communication channels and social media, helping to showcase the contributions of our diverse community.
- **ADVOCATE FOR ACCESSIBLE ENGAGEMENT.** At a time when higher education budgets are under pressure and international travel is increasingly difficult to fund, I will seek practical ways to help members remain connected to BEA and benefit from its professional community, whether or not they can attend the annual convention in person.

I welcome the opportunity to build on my years of service to BEA, listen to the needs of International members and help strengthen our community's participation and visibility within the organization. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Bio for Kim Fox

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Kim Fox is a professor of practice at The American University in Cairo (AUC), specializing in radio, audio and podcasting. A scholar-creative, she produces, teaches and researches podcasting with a focus on Global Majority podcasters. She is the executive producer of the award-winning bilingual podcast *Ehky Ya Masr* (Tell Your Story Egypt) and founder of PodFest Cairo, the first podcasting conference in Egypt and Africa. Fox has coached students to produce over 200 award-winning audio pieces and has led audio training workshops in Lebanon, Hungary, Kyrgyzstan, the UAE and more. Her service has included leadership positions with the Association for Independents in Radio (AIR), the Broadcast Education Association (BEA) and the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). A longtime media educator and former U.S. radio professional, Fox continues to shape international conversations around podcasting and audio storytelling.

