

LSU Flores MBA Association Treasurer Nominee: William Hardee

Classmates,

When determining the criteria of a suitable treasurer candidate, the three major determinants of ability are experience, charisma and trustworthiness. There are many other factors that make a good candidate, but these three traits are pillars of success for a treasurer.

I possess experience in several senses. First, I have been a treasurer for the majority of clubs I have been in. I have served a total of eight years as treasurer in various organizations throughout my academic career. I also possess experience that I have gained from my years at LSU. Studying finance throughout my undergraduate career and continuing to do so during my MBA studies, I have gained knowledge about the banking world. Further, I have an excellent track record of personal financial responsibility, never having a single overdraft payment on my personal accounts. I also learned the importance of carefully tracking cash flows while working as an accounting intern at a local firm. Tracking the cash flows of the organization is the single most important duty of the treasurer and I believe that my experience will allow me to perform this duty at an exemplary level.

Charisma is a non tangible trait that needs to be possessed by a candidate in order to be a successful treasurer. Collecting of funds is one of the main duties of the treasurer and having someone with the ability to collect those funds with the appropriate balance of tact and forcefulness is necessary. As Treasurer, I pledge to do my best to maintain the high participation and payment of dues in the MBA Association. Charisma is also a necessity for officer meetings. Often officers contrive plans without the slightest thought of financial constraints. A treasurer has to kindly remind everyone in meetings about these financial limitations and keep the meeting going in a productive and feasible direction. While Charisma is a qualitative characteristic, I believe that I possess this trait. I do not have a problem taking the lead when necessary and I try to do so in a respectful manner.

Trustworthiness is another non tangible characteristic, but one that I can claim for several reasons. First, my studies for the Chartered Financial Analyst position have required me to adhere to a code of business ethics at the risk of having my charter repealed. This possibility alone is certainly enough to hold me to an exceedingly high standard of ethics and morals. Further, this summer I will be taking part in the management of a six billion dollar fund. If I can be trusted with the entire pension fund of the Louisiana state employees, I believe I am honest enough to handle the financial activity of the MBA association.

If elected I will do my best to maintain accurate records and financial responsibility of the LSU Flores MBA Association.

Thank you for your time,

William Hardee