

## 2019 Slate of Officers



### President Elect: Betsy Portune

Betsy Portune lives in Lexington, SC with her husband Kris, their cat Jake, and bird, Kosmo. She attended the University of South Carolina and is currently pursuing her Teacher Leadership endorsement through Southern Wesleyan University. Betsy has been teaching gifted education for the last 7 years in Williston, S.C. at Kelly Edwards Elementary and Williston-Elko Middle School and loves every minute of it! Her passionate tenacity for her profession is second only to her love of brunch, which she enjoys on the weekends since they don't serve brunch at school... though they should.



Treasurer: Frances Meetze

Frances Meetze is currently serving as the secretary for the board of PSTA. This is her 13th year teaching, and she is in her first year at Gilbert High School in Lexington School District One teaching US History and Government and Economics. She has taught middle school in Richland School District 2 and US History, AP US History, and AP Human Geography at Mid Carolina High School in Newberry County. She is a National Board certified teacher and was named the District Teacher of the Year for Newberry County in 2016. She lives in Gilbert with her husband, also an educator, and her two son, Lucas and Jacob. She enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and traveling whenever she can!



Secretary: Zoan Stokes

Zoan is a proud wife and mother of two beautiful girls. After completing her Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education at South Carolina State University, she taught in 1st and 2nd grade classrooms for 12 years. Her passion for teaching led her to pursue a Master of Education degree in Reading from The Citadel. Since then, Zoan has been a Master Reading Teacher for Charleston County at North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary School.



District 1: Cely Johnson

Aracely “Cely” Johnson is a fifth grade math and science teacher at Beaufort Elementary School in Beaufort, South Carolina. She is a National Board Certified Teacher who is completing her 24th year of teaching. All of her educational experiences have been in Title I schools in Beaufort County. She is a mentor teacher, ADEPT Evaluator, and has her Gifted and Talented Endorsement. During the 2015–2016 school year, Cely was named as Beaufort County’s District Teacher of the Year. She received her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from Winthrop University, a Master’s Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Lesley University, and a Master’s Degree in Education with a focus on Math and Science from the University of South Carolina.



### District 3: Kia Valentine

Kia Valentine is the Fine Arts teacher at Barnwell Primary School where she teaches a K–3 integrated arts program of dance, theater and visual art. She is a veteran teacher of nineteen years and has previously taught 4th and 5th grade ELA and Social Studies, 3rd grade Academically Gifted and Talented and 3rd– 7th grade Artistically Gifted and Talented. She is a 2009 graduate of the Curriculum Leadership Institute for the Arts (CLIA) and was selected as a 2013 STAR Teacher. Kia was named the 2012 District Teacher of the Year for Williston District 29 and, more recently, elected as the 2017 District Teacher of the Year for Barnwell District 45. She has served her district as the leader of Teacher Forum, a Mentor Teacher, a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, and numerous other leadership roles. Kia received a BA in Dance from Columbia College. She also attended Florida State and Southern Wesleyan University and holds a Master of Education. She is proud to advocate for arts education, community partnerships and educational equity for rural schools and districts.



District 5: Marc Camp

Marc Camp has been teaching elementary physical education for 30 years. He is a National Board Certified teacher and recently renewed in 2017. He was a semifinalist for the South Carolina 2018 Jesse Williams Little Leading the Way Award for mentorship given by the Rex Institute at Winthrop University. Marc was also named the 2014–2015 South Carolina Elementary Physical Education Co-Teacher of the Year from the South Carolina Association for Physical Education and Sport. In the school year 2008–2009, Marc was selected as the Cherokee County Teacher of the Year. Marc has been a member of the Palmetto State Teachers Association for the last 25 years.