**BIEN Executive Committee election:** 

Post: Research manager

Kate McFarland

Personal statement

I hold a PhD in Philosophy (2015) and Masters degree in Statistics (2009), both from the Ohio State University, and am much at home in academic research environments. I am additionally well integrated in the basic income community, and have substantial and varied experience working with BIEN and its affiliates. I have served on BIEN's Executive Committee for two years in the role of News Editor, and am a past recipient of a grant from the Economic Security Project in recognition of my work as the lead writer for Basic Income News. Additionally, I was the "de facto" program organizer of the 2017 North American Basic Income Guarantee (NABIG) Congress, and am presently serving as the editor of a blog on the website of US Basic Income Guarantee (USBIG) Inc, BIEN's US affiliate.

I think this suffices to outline my qualifications for this position. However, as per the requirement that this personal statement be a minimum of 200 words, I will additionally point out that, if I were to be elected to this position on BIEN's EC, my signature could be a haiku:

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