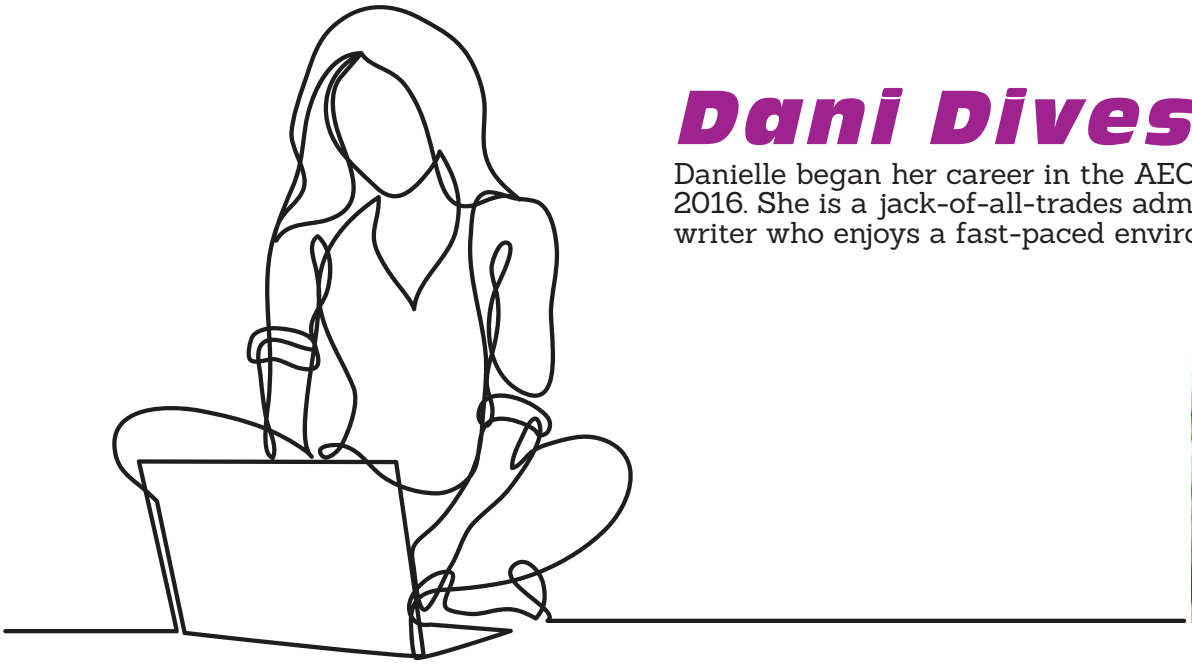


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A Glow Up: From New Member to Committee Member

Being an SDA Member for a year was enough time for me to get a general feel for the nuts & bolts of our awesome Chapter. I was forming relationships with Committee Members and the events they hosted were a lot of fun. It made me realize I wanted to be involved in the background of Chapter happenings. I will emphasize I was not pressured to join in & help, it is just my nature...I can't help myself!

I saw the space for me to have a say in the direction of our Chapter & I took the opportunity. I jumped in to join the Social Media & Publication Committees at the beginning of 2020. Then, in 2021 I took on being Chair of the Historical Committee. I loved the work those committees asked of me & it made me want to be a part of those leadership teams. If you're thinking of joining a Committee, pick one that is geared towards something you like so that the "work" you put in for the Committee will be tasks you enjoy doing. For example I enjoy writing, so the Publication Committee made sense for me.

The Board has been an excellent resource for me as a new Committee Member & Chair. They answer all my questions & are there to lend a helping hand when I need it (and let's face it, that is OFTEN). Not only do they have all the answers, but they are a great resource of advice when I am doing my own problem solving.

Being on SDA Committees has provided me fun responsibilities and brought an even greater sense of belonging for me as an active Member. I get to offer creative input and take agency with what the Chapter produces, whether it's Principal Appreciation gifts or newsletter content. I strongly encourage anyone looking to get more involved in SDA to start with a fun commitment like joining a Committee.

