

# **Meet the Candidate for Program Chair PLTE 2017 Election**

## **Professional Biography**

Melissa Reed, Ph.D., is an associate professor of literacy education at Emporia State University where she also serves as the Director of Reading. Before joining the faculty at Emporia State, she spent the first 20 years of her teaching career in various public school classrooms. She currently prepares teachers educators in the area of secondary literacy, multicultural literacy, special needs reading, and instructional coaching.

## **Qualifications for Membership Chair**

I have been an active member of PLTE since 2011. I have served as a member of the membership committee and managed the LinkedIn and Twitter social media accounts for the past few years. In 2011 and again in 2014, I was the co-coordinator for the Kansas Reading Association Annual Conference, where I planned, collaborated, and coordinated the conference events. This included the management and selection process for the conference program.