Hello! My name is Kirsten Marcks, and I have been a School Psychologist in Mesa Public Schools for the past 9 years. I am honored to serve the AASP as central region co-director. I have also previously served as the student research chair. In my school district, I am an active advocate, sitting on the board and special education committee for the Mesa Educator’s Association and organizing a School Psychology committee to promote further awareness and value to our role in schools, considering our broad depth of knowledge and training.

Prior to becoming a School Psychologist, I worked at Arizona State University as a research associate on a project that studied recidivism and resiliency in teens and young adults in the court system. Working on this project inspired me to pursue school psychology, in an effort to support interventions for children, so that they may not become a statistic.

I am an Arizona native, growing up in Tempe and attending Arizona State University. I’m currently living in Gilbert, with my three amazing sons and two crazy border collies. I enjoy reading, cooking, hiking, and traveling. I continue to strive to be a voice for children, for parents, and for educators, and believe that as an AASP board member, I can collaborate with my colleagues to improve the state of education and social/emotional well-being for Arizona’s children.