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Sean Luechtefeld, Ph.D., CAE, serves as Vice President for Membership & Communications. In that role, he leads communications, public relations and digital strategy for ANCOR and the ANCOR Foundation, as well as membership operations, member engagement, and membership growth initiatives for the association.

In addition to his work at ANCOR, Sean is an adjunct professor in the Master's program in Communication at Johns Hopkins University, where he teaches courses in content strategy, speechwriting, public policy communications and more. Prior to joining the faculty at Johns Hopkins in 2015, he previously taught in the Department of Communication at the University of Maryland.

Prior to joining the ANCOR staff in 2018, Sean served as Associate Communications Director for Prosperity Now, a national nonprofit committed to ensuring everyone has opportunities to achieve financial stability, wealth and prosperity. Earlier in his career, he held a variety of positions in nonprofits and higher education, including coaching a nationally recognized intercollegiate debate team, supporting research and communications for a disability consulting firm in Florida, and contributing to the opening of a startup community history museum in North Carolina.

Sean holds a Ph.D. in Communication with a focus in rhetoric and political culture from the University of Maryland; an M.A. in Communication from Wake Forest University; and a B.A. in Communication Studies and a B.S. in Political Science, both from the Florida State University. In 2023, he earned his designation as a Certified Association Executive (CAE), and in 2025, he was recognized as part of Association Forum's Forty Under 40.