

# Mike Daniels Candidate Statement

## Vice President

I have been formally involved in ESIP since 2011 and led the membership application process for the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR). During my career at the NCAR, I worked with scientists, engineers, data experts, technicians and other support staff, deploying observational platforms for atmospheric science field experiments around the world. Today, I work with others to build and deploy inexpensive sensor systems in partnership with underserved communities. I believe that ESIP is the hub for professionals to learn, collaborate, innovate, share and support each other in their pursuit of data science. All of this great work is anchored by ESIP leadership and I believe a Vice President's role of service is critical to our continuing success.

In terms of prior ESIP work, I have served as a Board Member in various capacities since 2017. I received the ESIP President's Award in 2018 and have been involved in the selection of the Raskin Scholar and the ESIP Fellows for several years. In addition to Board and Committee service, I have participated in clusters, co-led meeting sessions, developed ESIP Lab and Funding Friday proposals, worked closely with ESIP Fellows and staff and have been an active participant in many ESIP leadership tasks.

I believe strong leadership is essential for ESIP in these uncertain times. Due to cuts at the federal level, ESIP is in the midst of broadening its funding opportunities and expanding/reshaping its reach. If elected, I would continue to promote the great work we are doing and support initiatives which articulate the value of ESIP to academia, state and local governments, non-profit organizations, corporations and new communities. I would focus on ESIP participation among early/mid-career individuals which can lead to career growth and new opportunities, just as it has in my case. I would make special efforts to listen to participants so I have a sense of member experiences and can suggest improvements where necessary.

It would be an honor to serve as ESIP Vice President and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the earth science data community in this capacity.

