

Members, Unity Will Serve as Focus for the Next Term

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NAADAC members chose a mix of continuity and experience in electing leaders to serve on the [Executive Committee](#) and lead the association for the 2008-2010 term.

The newly re-elected and elected national officers include Donald P. Osborn of Noblesville, Ind., as President-Elect, Sharon DeEsch of Greensboro, N.C., as Secretary and Robert C. Richards, of Eugene, Ore., as Treasurer. Regional Vice Presidents for the Mid-Atlantic (Nancy Deming); Mid-South (Greg Lovelidge); Northeast (Edward Olsen) and Northwest (Peter C. Formaz) regions all ran unopposed.

As President-Elect, Osborn would like to ensure NAADAC retains a leadership role in the addiction profession. "NAADAC must always be visionary in anticipating what may be the pressing needs of the field, its professionals and the organization. Leadership at all levels must be ready to inform the members and present solutions and options within a reasoned and effective strategy," stated Osborn.

DeEsch, expressed her passion about being a member of NAADAC. "I have always believed that we counselors are stronger by joining together at all levels. I have been blessed to watch our profession blossom in so many directions," said DeEsch. "We have faced challenges and problems but have walked through them always with our head up high. I am proud to be a Chemical Dependency Counselor," she added.

Richards put his name forward as a candidate because of his desire to serve the interests of the NAADAC membership. "First and foremost, I believe it is our responsibility to support and advocate for our profession and members. It is also our duty to provide our members with the highest quality of services, education, products and credentialing. In doing so, we must always be a role model organization with unquestionable professionalism and ethical standards," he stated.

The unsuccessful candidates, Presidential candidate Warren A. Daniels III, from Grass Valley,

Calif., candidate for Secretary Jerome L. Synold from Carlsbad, Calif. and current Treasurer Michael Angelo, from Bakersfield, Calif., also had a wealth of experience at the state, national and international levels. The three candidates had a combined 48 years of NAADAC membership.

The transition to the new officers will take place at the end of the NAADAC Board of Directors meeting, which is being held on August 31, 2008, at the [Recovery for a Lifetime Conference](#) in Overland Park, Kan. Current NAADAC President Patricia M. Greer will serve in her post until 2010.

Complete results of the 2008 election are below.

Total # of Voters: 1641

Turnout: 17.27%

President-Elect

Warren A. Daniels III 683

Donald P. Osborn 875

Write-ins 2

No Choice 45

Secretary

Sharon DeEsch 993

Jerome L. Synold 554

Write-ins 3

No Choice 55

Treasurer

Michael Angelo 664

Robert C. Richards 882

Write-ins 2

No Choice 57

Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President

Nancy Deming 132

Write-ins 1

No Choice 9

Mid-South Regional Vice President

Greg Lovelidge 89

Write-ins 0

No Choice 15

Northeast Regional Vice President

Edward Olsen 149

Write-ins 0

No Choice 9

Northwest Regional Vice President

Peter C. Formaz 115

Write-ins 2

No Choice 8