

## New Leaders Bring Diverse Talents and Backgrounds to the NAADAC Leadership Team

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A new set of leaders have put their names forward to represent NAADAC's members.

Every two years, half of NAADAC's eight regions have the opportunity to select the representatives who will speak up on behalf of the association's members. This year all four of those representatives have been chosen by acclamation.

Below are the backgrounds of the new leaders who will work for the best interests of the association and the profession.

### **Mid-Central Regional Vice President**

*Represents Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio & Wisconsin*

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The new RVP for the Mid-Central region has been active in the professional and religious communities, helping build the affiliate and advocating for licensure.

Stewart Turner Ball, LMFT, LCSW, LCAC, MAC, served on the NAADAC Board of Directors and was President of the NAADAC state affiliate in Indiana (the Indiana Association for Addiction Professionals) from 2005 to 2008. While President of IAAP, he was very adept at increasing membership, moving from 14 founding members to nearly 500 in less than four years, while maintaining a debt-free association. His leadership was respected and well-received by his Board of Directors and he continues to be a mentor to the leadership of IAAP.

### **North Central Regional Vice President**

*Represents Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota & South Dakota*

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A commitment to education and mentoring emerging professionals is what drives the new RVP from the North Central Region.

Diane Sevening, EdD, CCDC-III, a faculty member in The University of South Dakota's Department (USD) of Alcohol and Drug Studies has a long and continued commitment to the association and support for the addiction profession. She has served as the student ad hoc committee chair for NAADAC since 2006 and assisted in the development of the South Dakota council of students, guidebook (bylaws) for college and university student organizations. She has also been a faculty advisor to the local student organization, the Coalition of Students and Professionals Pursuing Advocacy (CASPPA), since 2005 and encourages students to attend NAADAC conferences.

### **Southeast Regional Vice President**

Represents Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina & Tennessee

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The new RVP for the Southeast Region has focused on excellence in the profession.

Frances Patterson, PhD, MAC, BCPC, CCJAS, QSAP, QCS has been a NAADAC member for almost 20 years. She has served as president of Middle Tennessee Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (MTAADAC) and President of the Tennessee Affiliate. She is a member of the NAADAC trainers academy and a NAADAC approved provider. Dr. Clark-Patterson is currently the chair of the NAADAC Clinical Issues committee and a member of the ethics committee. In 2006, Frances was awarded with the Mel Schulstad award as the professional of the year.

In 2010, Dr. Patterson, along with Mid-Central Regional Vice President John Lisy, spearheaded NAADAC's response to the release of the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) produced by the American Psychiatric Association (APA). Dr. Patterson sought out a spot on the NAADAC Executive Committee because "NAADAC is the voice of addiction professionals and as such all addiction professionals can add to the future of our field and NAADAC by actively participating in state chapters and nationally."

### **Southwest Regional Vice President**

*Represents Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico, Nevada & Utah*

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Strong state ties and partnerships have been keys to the career of the new Southwest RVP.

Kirk Bowden, PhD, MAC, LISAC, NCC, LPC, was recognized as the Arizona Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (AzaAADAC) Advocate of the Year for 2010. His history of service to AzaAADAC includes state board member, ethics chair and Central Chapter president elect and president. Dr. Bowden has also served on NAADAC's National Addiction Studies and Standards Collaborative Committee - a group committed to establishing best practices for addiction studies programs - as a continuing education auditor. He has also served on the editorial advisory board of NAADAC's current and former magazines: Addiction Professional and Counselor magazines.

Also joining the newly elected members of the Executive Committee is [Gregory Bennett](#), MA, LAT, from Powell, Wyo. He was selected in a special election to replace former Northwest Regional Vice President Peter Formaz who had to retire for health reasons.

New members of the Executive Committee will take office at the end of the 2011 NAADAC Board of Directors meeting in September.