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Summarize the nominee's NAADAC activities

Gloria has been a practicing Licensed Substance Abuse Counselor since June of 1998 and has actively supported NAADAC as a member and served as President of the Association of Utah Substance Abuse Counselors from June, 2007 to June 2009.

Philosophy statement of the nominee on the future of NAADAC

I would not be in this field had I not had my experiences with NAADAC, and the wonderful professionals who have been an example and inspiration to me. I believe NAADAC to be the source of new and current research, laws, treatment modalities and resources that make it possible to be a great counselor and professional. I have been a member of NAADAC for several years and have proudly represented this organization to the Department of Licensure for the State of Utah, who now uses the NAADAC testing for those who wish to become professional Drug and Alcohol counselors.

NAADAC is and will continue to be a powerful resource for addiction professionals. As the organization continues to evolve, it is vital to maintain close associations with other behavioral health and medical fields. It is also necessary to continue working with prevention and research.

Other qualifications of the nominee for this office

Gloria is the founder and executive director of the Ark of Little Cottonwood; a private, non-profit residential treatment program that serves adults who suffer from mental health disorders, chemical addictions and behavioral addictions. She was nominated as one of the recipients for the prestigious Outstanding Leadership and Woman of the Year in 2010 and was instrumental in bringing the NAADAC Sowing the Seeds of Recovery conference to Salt Lake City in 2009.

Among her greatest joys and accomplishments are her friendship to her husband Joe, their 6-children (and spouses), 30 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

