



Candidate Biographies

Southwest Region (two candidates, listed in alphabetical order)

Southwest Region Candidate #2

Nominee: Jerome L. Synold

Credentials: CADC II, CGS, CPS, MAC

Nominated by: Warren Daniels III, CADC II, CAADAC President

Philosophy statement of the nominee on the future of NAADAC:

The future of NAADAC is tied to the future of the field of treatment and prevention. Its vision on collaborating with ICRC and uniting the field is critical. To strengthen a voice that is so needed to advocate for those devastated by the problems we address is an absolute requirement. Ours has always been a field with a few committed voices speaking as loudly as they could. NAADAC has been one of those voices but by joining with others its chances of being heard are certainly greater. Its legislative agenda until 2012 is ambitious. With the increased support of a region that includes states like California, Utah, Nevada, Hawaii, New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona, who have accomplished so much in their areas for those suffering, the goals of this agenda can be reached.

Summarize Candidate's NAADAC activities:

NAADAC Member for over 20 years. Participated in planning groups. Regional meetings. Conference Presenter. Long time board member of State affiliate.

Other qualifications for this office:

I have had over 30 years experience in the drug and alcohol field. I have done a variety of work as a counselor, director of a large residential treatment program, director of planning and future operations and as the current head of the Navy's Drug and Alcohol Counselor's school. I currently am the Chairman of the California Certification Board. I have been an active member of CAADAC and NAADAC since 1983. The position of regional vice-president will require many skills that I have developed over the years from strategic planning, to leadership. Two of the most critical skills I have learned are listening and team building, I think I do these well. These skills will hopefully allow me to listen to the needs and strengths in the region and contribute to a team that already is working hard to support NAADAC's mission and goals.