

Meet the 2014 Candidates for NAADAC Executive Leadership Positions

Candidates Bring a Rich Breadth of Talent

Membership

BY JESSICA GLEASON, NAADAC COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE

We are seeking future NAADAC leaders! This year, 11 well-qualified addiction-focused professionals have put their names forward as candidates for NAADAC leadership. All 2014 terms begin on October 1, 2014, after the NAADAC Annual Conference in Seattle, WA.

Every two years, NAADAC members have the opportunity to select officers who will determine the direction of the Association. Voting starts April 30, 2014 and ends May 30, 2014. All members of NAADAC are eligi-

ble and encouraged to vote. Voting can be done easily online by logging into your naadac.org account or by mail. All members eligible to vote will receive email instructions for voting on April 29, 2014. For anyone who prefers to receive a paper ballot in the mail, please email Autumn Kramer at akramer@naadac.org or call 800.548.0497.

Please read the following candidate statements to help inform your vote in May.

CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT



PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE:

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Summary of NAADAC Activities: John currently serves as the NAADAC Treasurer. In that capacity he has worked with staff to improve the fiscal planning, reporting and accountability of the Association. This critical quality improvement process has taken place over the last year and a half and is nearing completion. He currently serves on the NAADAC Executive, Finance, and Personnel Committees. John also represents NAADAC on the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Committee. John served two terms as the Mid-Central Regional Vice President (September 2007–September 2011). He has also served on the Mentoring Committee and the NAADAC Public Policy Committee from 2000 to 2007. In 2005, John was awarded the NAADAC Advocate of the Year at the Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. John helped secure national funding for workforce development for the State of Ohio in a collaborative project with NAADAC. He chaired the Workforce Development Committee, a statewide coalition representing all segments of the Addictions Prevention and Treatment Community from March 2004 to January 2008. On the state level, John was President of OAADAC from September 2011 to September 2003. He has served as State Legislative Chair since September 1995. In 1998, John received the OAADAC August Martin Meuli Humanitarian Award.

Philosophy Statement on the Future of NAADAC: I believe the future of NAADAC is tied to how well we represent and serve our members. I also strongly believe that NAADAC's ability to grow and thrive is essential to the addictions field. The Four Pillars have served to focus NAADAC on our core mission and provide a roadmap to achieve our mission and increase membership. I believe my experience in professional development through the workforce development project, public engagement through my advocacy and professional serves through numerous NAADAC/OAADAC projects will enable me to clearly communicate the mission through actions. NAADAC has made significant steps in the last two years addressing the two major challenges that NAADAC has been facing: membership and finances. Board and staff have worked tirelessly to reverse the decline in membership. In fact, we are currently seeing membership grow. NAADAC has also made significant progress in stabilizing our finances. Better reporting has allowed us to better understand and address fiscal issues. We have also made significant progress in addressing the budget and cash flow issues. This is not to say that all issues are behind us, but is to say that NAADAC is heading in the right direction.

Other Qualifications for President-Elect: John is Executive Director of the Shaker Heights Youth Center. While serving in this position since 1996, he has been responsible for a 300 percent increase in funding and a 450 percent increase in services. More important than the increase in services is the excellent quality of services the Center provides to its consumers. Under John's leadership, the Center received the Exemplary Prevention Award from the Ohio

Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services three times. The Center also received the Matthew Dunlop Prevention Services Award and John received the Calvin Thomas Community Leadership Award. John's education includes a Master's in Social Work from Case Western Reserve University (CWRU). He was Co-Chair of the Social Welfare in Jamaica Conference celebrating the 30th Anniversary of collaboration between CWRU and the University of the West Indies. He is currently on the faculty of CWRU's School of Medicine.



PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE:

Gerald (Gerry) Schmidt, MA LPC, MAC
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Summary of NAADAC Activities: Gerry has served in a number of past and current capacities within NAADAC. He served on NAADAC's then newly formed Certification Commission in the 1990s and then for four years as Chair of the Commission. He is the current Chair of NAADAC's Public Policy Committee, a former member of NAADAC's PAC, as well as the Clinical Affairs Consultant for NAADAC. Gerry has presented at numerous NAADAC events, trainings and conferences and has trained both nationally and internationally and acted as a consultant in many capacities over the years. While chairing the Certification Commission, he consulted on certification and treatment in Puerto Rico and Iceland. In 2003, he represented NAADAC and co-led a group of 25 addiction treatment professionals to South Africa. Recently, he traveled to Hong Kong where he led the training of local addiction treatment professionals on a variety of topics including assessment, clinical supervision and co-occurring disorders and pharmacology. Over the past eight years, he was part of a team of addiction treatment professionals that developed five Life-Long Learning Series of trainings on a variety of addiction topics for NAADAC. He is currently serving on the Advisory and Development Committee for the Recovery to Practice initiative for NAADAC.

Philosophy Statement on the Future of NAADAC: As a long term member of NAADAC who has been actively involved in many aspects of the organization for over 25 years, I believe that in order to best serve the membership NAADAC needs to continue to strive to be the leader in advancing recovery. As the past Chair of the NAADAC Certification Commission, I strongly believe and support competency-based treatment providers as the hallmark in the delivery of quality services to the addicted population. NAADAC's continued role in recognizing and developing quality training experiences for its members as well as the treatment community at large is critical to the profession. NAADAC has taken the lead nationally in organizing a work group to specifically strategize and develop a plan to address the ever growing need for more addiction treatment professionals. This is more critical now as the implementation of the Affordable Care Act has begun as well as the graying of the current addiction treatment profession. NAADAC also leads the way in terms of advocacy

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for funding for addictions treatment and educational stipends for the advancement of treatment professionals. NAADAC needs to continue to be “the voice” of advocacy as it has been for 40 years.

Other Qualifications for President-Elect: Gerry’s skills not only as a leader but as an addiction treatment professional for 42 years reflect an individual who has contributed a great deal to the recovering community during his tenure. His ability to quickly assess a situation and assist in developing a strategy to resolve issues is a hallmark of his abilities, talents and service. He embraces the profession and has long been an advocate for the addicted. He has been recognized numerous times and in 2010 was awarded the Senator Harold E. Hughes Advocate of the Year Award for outstanding work both in his state and nationally regarding addiction. In 2003, the West Virginia Association of Addiction Professionals recognized him for his lifetime of commitment and dedication to the addiction profession by awarding him the Distinguished Service Award. Gerry has been published both within NAADAC and in national journals and publications on a variety of addiction treatment-related topics. He has presented webinars, workshops and been involved in a variety of training within his state, nationally and internationally on various addiction issues, especially medication assisted treatment.



PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE:

Diane Sevening, EdD, LAC
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Summary of NAADAC Activities: Diane has been a NAADAC member since 1999 and currently serves as the Regional Vice President of the North Central Region. She has served as the NAADAC College and University Student

Committee Chair since 2006, where she has assisted NAADAC in the development of State Affiliate’s council of students, guidebook (bylaws) for college and university student organizations, and has been the Faculty advisor to the local NAADAC student organization, the Coalition of Students and Professionals Pursuing Advocacy (CASPPA), since 2005. Diane has presented at the 2010–2013 National Conferences, the 2007 Advocacy in Action Conference and the 2006 Workforce Development Summit. In 2010, she received the NAADAC President’s Award as an educator and advocate for the addiction profession.

Philosophy Statement on the Future of NAADAC: Dr. Diane Sevening is motivated by compassion and believes in the NAADAC mission to lead, unify and empower addiction focused professionals to achieve excellence through education, advocacy, and knowledge, standards of practice, ethics, professional development and research. She also wants to focus on the recruitment of addiction studies students who will enhance the health and recovery of individuals, families, and communities and help strengthen NAADAC by emerging as future leaders.

Other Qualifications for President-Elect: Diane is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Addiction Studies at the University of South Dakota. She serves on the Board of Directors of INCASE, a professional association of college/university professors specializing in addiction studies counselor education. She has also served as an addiction family therapist at St. Luke’s Addiction Center and as an alcohol and drug counselor at the University of South Dakota student health services. Diane presented at the 2011–2013 NAADAC conferences, the 2010 National Conference on Addiction Disorders (NCAD), the 2007 Advocacy in Action Conference and the 2006 Workforce Development Summit.

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY



SECRETARY CANDIDATE:

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Summary of NAADAC Activities: Margaret has been a NAADAC member since 1998. She is a current member of the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire NAADAC Affiliate, NHADACA, and is an accreditation evaluator for the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC).

Philosophy Statement on the Future of NAADAC: In the future, I see NAADAC as THE international organization for alcohol and other drug professionals of all levels and generations. In this role, NAADAC promotes the use

of science — as well as — evidence based practices, in academia, training, prevention, education, intervention, treatment, aftercare, and life-long recovery services. Further, NAADAC is seen as a strong political leader in representing alcohol and other drug professionals, who in turn represent their states, organizations/institutions, clients, and their families. Additionally, as a strong political force, NAADAC can work to educate leaders with regards to the disease of addiction and the importance of effective education, policies, and services in dealing with this public health problem. I also see NAADAC committed to diversity in its leadership, workforce and policies, recognizing the harm of discrimination, prejudice and stigma among clients, professionals, organizations, institutions, states and countries.

Other Qualifications for Secretary: Margaret is an Associate Professor in Health Science/Addictions at Keene State College in Keene, NH and an Adjunct Professor of Addiction at Rio Salado College in Arizona and Washburn University in Kansas. As a licensed alcohol and other drug counselor in her current jobs, she is invested in teaching the next generation of counselors. She is a member of the National Association of Alcohol and Other Drug Professionals, the International Coalition of Addiction Studies Education, Partnership for a Drug Free New Hampshire and several other committees. Margaret’s prior work includes prevention, intervention and treatment in such places and programs as substance abuse counselor in a hospital setting, a treatment team member of an elder recovery program, a college alcohol and other drug educator and an Associate Professor in Health Science/Addictions. Her specialties include addiction, elder substance abuse, women, gerontology, Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual culture and Heterosexism reduction, diversity, and higher education. She lives with her two dogs in an old (and drafty!) farm house in New Hampshire.



SECRETARY CANDIDATE:

Thurston Smith, CCS, NCAC I, CADC
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Summary of NAADAC Activities: Thurston has served NAADAC credibly for nearly two decades and was a former candidate for President-Elect. He has served on the organization’s Peer Assistance and International Committees, has fulfilled two terms on NAADAC’s Executive Committee in the role of Southeast Regional Vice President, one term as Secretary, and has fulfilled a prior service obligation as the organization’s National Membership Committee and Southeast Regional Conference Chair. He’s been frequently sought after to represent the organization at various symposiums and legislative events throughout his service tenure and has had an extensive record of service on the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, and historically has maintained dual NAADAC memberships, encompassing the states of Georgia and South Carolina. Notably, his experienced tenure as a NAADAC officer also includes service on a variety of special projects, sub-committees, and training initiatives.

Philosophy Statement on the Future of NAADAC: Since its inception, NAADAC has maintained its commitment to the field of addictions, ensuring advocacy, access to treatment, and excellence through professional development, ethics, and education remain its top priorities. In its mission to lead, unify and empower addiction focused professionals, NAADAC is continuously challenged to maintain its position as leader amongst allied health care associations, as well as improve the visibility and status of its members. Considering these ideals, my vision for NAADAC encompasses the following strategies.

NAADAC must make every effort to advocate for, and protect the individuality of addiction-focused professionals as viable experts in the treatment of addictive disorders; thereby, ensuring adequate compensation and third-party reimbursement for services are realized.

Given the enactment of the Affordable Healthcare Act, NAADAC should do all it can to ensure addictions treatment is given equal prioritization in comparison with other healthcare illnesses and conditions. Herein, efforts of both education and advocacy should be utilized collaboratively in these instances.

With professional ethics in mind, NAADAC must continue to develop its membership through training, workforce development, and legislative initiatives that emphasize the value of credible research, prevention and evidence-based practices in behavioral health treatment.

Other Qualifications for Secretary: Thurston has been in civil service for nearly 16 years and is employed by the Veterans Health Administration as an

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outpatient chemical dependency center program manager. He has held numerous leadership roles within his community and in the addictions profession. He is the former Director for Client and Prevention Services for the ACCESS Network, is a 1998 graduate of Leadership Beaufort, a civic program of Beaufort, South Carolina's Chamber of Commerce, and 2013 Executive Class graduate of Leadership Memphis. Thurston received the *Key to the City* from the late Mayor Larry Abernathy of Clemson, S.C., was appointed to the Nancy Moore Thurmond Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy Initiative and has provided oral testimony before the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus Political Education and Leadership Institute. He has served as a field reviewer and technical consultant for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (SAMHSA-CSAT); the S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (SC-DAODAS); and the Institute for Research, Education and Training in Addictions – the Northeast Addiction Technology Transfer Center; and was appointed as South Carolina Liaison to the Southeast Addiction Technology Transfer Center (SEATTC – Morehouse School of Medicine).

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER



TREASURER CANDIDATE:

Terrance Lee Newton, BAS, CADC
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Summary of NAADAC Activities: Terry Newton serves on the Michigan Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (MAADAC) board as the Vice President and has helped to put together numerous statewide conferences. He has served on numerous boards including Rotary and just completed being President of the club after being a member for 16 years, on the NCADD Board as their treasurer, on the Charlevoix/Emmet County Community Corrections Advisory Board, on Charlevoix-Emmet County Human Services Coordinating Body as a member agency and chairperson for four years, on the Provider Alliance of the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards, on an opiate replacement task force in Northern Michigan. Terry was a founding member of Communities Offering Alternatives to Substance Abuse and SAFE; both community coalitions designed to prevent underage drinking, drugging, and tobacco use with adolescence. Terry has been in the field of substance use disorders for the past 35 years and served as the executive director of Harbor Hall in Petoskey, Michigan for 23 years. Prior to Harbor Hall he worked at The Betty Ford Center and Hazelden in his long career. Terry is a great asset to MAADAC as well as being a fantastic networker in the field of addiction.

Philosophy Statement on the Future of NAADAC: I believe that the future of NAADAC holds much promise with a potential merger of all certification boards. This is our biggest challenge and promise. We are serving in the field during one of the most interesting times with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, Parity and the recognition of mental health issues and how these have been underfunded and modestly treated for several years.

Other Qualifications for Treasurer: Terry is a dedicated (work-a-holic) gentlemen with stellar character and a work ethic we all hope to have on our teams. He would be a great asset to NAADAC and I am confident he would meet the needs and exceed your expectations.

four years. Prior to becoming President of WVAADC, Susan chaired the affiliate's conference, regional training seminar, membership, nominations and awards committees.

Philosophy Statement on the Future of NAADAC: I believe that the future of NAADAC lies in the strength of membership and advocacy efforts. NAADAC members are being challenged by changes in service delivery, reductions in revenue streams, increased workloads and lower salaries than other health-care professions. We are lacking individuals needed to meet the increased need for qualified treatment providers. Continued workforce development is needed to attract and maintain a professional, well-trained workforce. Competitive salaries and solid benefits including tuition reimbursement are vital to increasing the number of practicing addiction professionals. This goes hand-in-hand with advocacy efforts to support our workforce and continue to decrease stigma associated with addictive disorders. Advocacy is essential in ensuring the quality of addiction prevention, treatment and recovery support services as well as improving access for individuals across the United States. Advancing legislation at the national and state levels is imperative to continue to support and enhance addiction prevention and treatment. Established partnerships with other stakeholders allows NAADAC to have a meaningful impact on these areas and lead our members through these exciting times. NAADAC remains the premiere organization dedicated to individuals working in addiction prevention and treatment and will continue to serve as the most relevant voice for the addictions field.

Other Qualifications for RVP – Mid-Atlantic: Susan has over 25 years of experience in the addictions field in direct practice, clinical and administrative management of outpatient and residential addiction treatment programs. She is active with WVAADC; coordinated training for WVAADC and with the ATTC. She has participated in a number of ATTC Training of Trainers events including the Buprenorphine blending products and Motivational Interviewing Assessment: Supervisory Tools for Enhancing Proficiency (MIA:STEP) providing training across the region. She was a mentor in the ATTC Leadership Institute in West Virginia. In 2001, Susan was the recipient of the West Virginia Certification Board for Addiction and Prevention professionals Lisa Grossi Award for inspiring dedication in the field of addiction prevention and treatment. She is a former surveyor with CARF (Behavioral Health Division) and is currently serving on a number of committees and task forces.



MID-ATLANTIC RVP CANDIDATE:

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Summary of NAADAC Activities: Point of contact in helping to revive N.J. affiliate and vocal advocate for Mid-Atlantic States. Trainer in medium and small venues regarding topics pertinent to treatment of addiction and related disorders. Unhesitatingly finds time to travel to meetings across region to sit in strategic planning and board development meetings. Constantly seeking additional resources and contact persons to further the NAADC purpose and to broaden NAADAC and N.J. membership.

Philosophy Statement on the Future of NAADAC: I believe NAADAC's future is directly related to the degree all addiction professionals actively participate in a professional organization that provides advocacy for its constituents, opportunities for training, and professional development to meet the dynamic behavioral healthcare environment. Parity, licensure, effective representation and collaboration with other professionals are paramount. NAADAC, with regional, and State Affiliate membership that has responsive and forward-looking leadership, is positioned to remain relevant and achieve these goals. Addiction is a brain disorder that cannot be treated with only one modality. Addiction professionals must have a wide variety of skills/techniques and be willing to accept the positive outcomes of a multitude of strategies. The addiction professional comes to the fore with their ability to successfully encompass positive aspects of the client's past treatment interventions and lifetime lessons into a comprehensive, dynamic, and long range treatment plan. Successful treatment plans depend on the client's motivation. Motivation is enhanced by therapeutic rapport, provider training, absence of bias, and consideration for the self-worth of each individual. Addiction professionals must be willing to address, or have addressed, all of the basic needs of a client. We must seek to engage in multidisciplinary treatment teams and other helping resources at every reasonable opportunity.

CANDIDATES FOR REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS

MID-ATLANTIC RVPs



MID-ATLANTIC RVP CANDIDATE:

Susan Coyer, MA, AADC-S, MAC, SAP, CCJP
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Summary of NAADAC Activities: Susan has been a member of NAADAC for 20 years. For the past five years, Susan has served on the NCC AP. She is currently secretary and ethics committee chair and has chaired the policies and procedures and co-chaired strategic planning/marketing committees. Susan has served on the NAADAC membership, conference, bylaws and public policy committees. As affiliate president Susan represented the West Virginia Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor on the NAADAC Board of Directors for

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Other Qualifications for RVP – Mid-Atlantic: Active in seeking to unite the NAADAC Mid-Atlantic Region to become a cohesive and professional significant force that will be able to represent the NAADAC constituents and in various venues. Strives to encourage State Affiliate leadership to become educated and proactive in pursuing advocacy for those issues pertaining to parity and proficiency in the addiction prevention, treatment and recovery fields. Constantly seeking state and regional partners and sponsors for events and initiatives pertinent to professional growth and increased membership.

MID-SOUTH RVP



MID-SOUTH RVP CANDIDATE:

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Summary of NAADAC Activities: Sherri is currently serving her first term as the RVP for the Mid-South Region. Her commitment and service to NAADAC and its State Affiliates have been exemplary. Sherri has represented the region well by coordinating a NAADAC-sponsored training event in Texarkana last summer to bring addiction professionals together from Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. She has reached out across the region to help organize individuals who are interested in establishing affiliates, but also making sure they receive the support and benefits associated with being a member of NAADAC. Sherri has also organized and led the national legislative advocacy efforts for the region in an admirable fashion during this time, collaborating with state and local affiliates to advance the NAADAC agenda. Sherri is an active, productive contributor to the profession and to our association. She continues to serve as a most effective representative for our region, looking out for the interests of the affiliates and NAADAC as a whole.

Candidate's Philosophy Statement on the Future of NAADAC: I am excited that NAADAC is recognized as the leader in addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery. I believe we are experiencing the fruit of many, many years of patient, diligent work addressing the concerns of addiction professionals and those we serve. NAADAC's leadership, and our members, are sought out for input and direction on relevant issues. I believe the advocacy work we do is of great importance and will continue to position us as the go-to organization for input and direction on addiction related policy and activities. Consequently, it should remain one of our highest priorities. Additionally, ongoing professional development for our members, as well as the development and growth of our workforce, is of great importance. We face significant workforce shortages and that will only increase as Affordable Care Act provisions are fully implemented. We must work to enact policies that will recruit new people into our field and retain the valuable folks we already have. Growing our membership and building collaborative relationships with other organizations will be key to strengthening our advocacy position, as well as growing our workforce. I look forward to those opportunities.

Other Qualifications for RVP – Mid-South: Sherri has worked exclusively in the treatment field for over 36 years, serving as both a licensed addiction counselor and treatment program administrator. She remains in tune with the times, navigating the changes taking place in the addiction treatment field (the Affordable Care Act, Insurance Parity) and monitoring those aspects that impact our professional licenses and certifications. Sherri has a MBA and has been quite supportive in bringing her knowledge and skills about leadership and organizational change to the forefront, thereby helping counselors and associated organizations to improve their effectiveness. Sherri's experience and dedication were instrumental in helping the Texas affiliate advance its state legislative agenda during the 2013 legislative session. Among those major legislative accomplishments was a 66 percent increase in funding for substance abuse services, the first state increase in over 15 years.

NORTHEAST RVP



NORTHEAST RVP CANDIDATE:

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Summary of NAADAC Activities: Catey began her work with NHADACA (the NH Affiliate of NAADAC) as the Student Representative on the Board of Directors in 2005 and served for two and a half years. She rejoined the NHADACA Board in 2010 and became President-Elect later that year. She served as President of NHADACA from 2011–2012. As Board President, she worked to improve communication with members, strengthen the organization, and build an organizational structure that will be sustainable. During her tenure, NHADACA hired its first Executive Director and expended training opportunities to include more national trainers, a year-long DSM-5 training series, and online trainings. In 2013, Catey was appointed to the Northeast Regional Vice President position and has continued her active role on the NAADAC Board.

Philosophy Statement on the Future of NAADAC: The Addiction Profession is facing a critical moment in history that will determine the future place of Addiction Professionals in the human services. I believe that NAADAC will be an instrumental force in ensuring that Addiction Professionals are heard by those in positions to affect the profession and those we serve. Additionally, I believe that NAADAC, and the membership, has a responsibility to make certain that effective addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery services are readily available for those struggling with the disease of addiction.

Other Qualifications for RVP – Northeast: Catey has 15 years of experience in the addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery profession. She holds two Master's degrees (in Counseling Psychology and Clinical Psychology) and a Doctorate of Clinical Psychology. Catey has worked in a range of settings including outpatient and residential treatment, psychiatric hospitals, community mental health centers, and jails. Her areas of interest include integrated co-occurring disorder treatment, organizational development and non-profit capacity building, and clinician supervision and training. She owns Catelena Consulting & Grant Services, providing nonprofit capacity building, grant services and clinical supervision/consultation. She has presented at state and national conferences on topics ranging from supervision to systems change, from trauma-informed services to multicultural counseling. Catey is an adjunct faculty member at the NH Technical Institute and Granite State College. She has also served on the NH Board of Licensing for Alcohol & Other Drug Use Professionals.

NORTHWEST RVP



NORTHWEST CANDIDATE:

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Summary of NAADAC Activities: Greg has been a NAADAC member since 2005. He has served on the Political Action Committee and Student Committee. Greg has been on the Board of Directors since 2008, filled the Northwest RVP position in 2010 for Pete Formaz of Montana and has served one full term on the Executive Committee. Greg has attended all Board meetings and Executive Board meetings since being in office.

Philosophy Statement on the Future of NAADAC: I believe NAADAC to be "the Association for Addiction Professionals." Through NAADAC's efforts, we will be the voice that is heard on many different levels. NAADAC's efforts will provide us, as individuals, an identity and respected reputation for the work we provide to our patients.

Other Qualifications for RVP – Northwest: Extensive work on boards and committees. Greg was one of the co-founders of the student organization CASPPA, which assisted in the development of the student recruitment package.

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NAADAC Annual Awards Process

BY TRICIA SAPP, BSW, CCJP, CPS, NAADAC AWARDS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Membership



NAADAC celebrates and honors the individuals and organizations that have achieved excellence in the treatment, recovery, prevention, medical and educational sectors of our addiction profession over the past year. Six awards will be presented at an awards event during the 2014 NAADAC Annual Conference in Seattle, WA. It is important to recognize and honor addiction professionals and organizations their accomplishments and contributions through accolades from colleagues to continue to elevate the profession. To be considered for a NAADAC Recognition and Award, current membership in NAADAC is required.

NAADAC is proud to announce the addition of a new award this year, **the Addiction Educator of the Year Award**, developed by the Awards Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in 2013. This award was designed to elevate and honor the work of a professor who contributes through academia to the addiction profession through mentoring students/student chapters, colleagues or addiction professionals and/or provides ongoing research or other contributions that grow, enhance, advocate and educate for the addiction profession.

Additional awards include the following:

- **Lifetime Honorary Membership Award**, recognizing an individual or entity who has established outstanding service through a lifetime of consistent contributions to the advancement of NAADAC, the addiction profession and its professionals;
- **Medical Professional of the Year**, recognizing a medical professional who has made an outstanding contribution to the addiction profession. Members of NAADAC's Executive Committee are not eligible for this award;
- **Lora Roe Memorial Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselor of the Year**, recognizing a counselor who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession of addiction counseling;
- **William F. "Bill" Callahan Award**, recognizing sustained and meritorious service at the national level to the profession of addiction counseling.
- **Mel Schulstad Professional of the Year**, recognizing an individual who has made outstanding and sustained contributions to the advancement of the addiction counseling profession; and the
- **NAADAC Organizational Achievement Award**, recognizing an organization that has demonstrated a strong commitment to the addiction profession and particularly strong support for the individual addiction professional.

Nominating Information

NAADAC's awards process involves State Affiliates submitting excellent candidates for consideration. If a State Affiliate does not currently have an annual State Recognition and Awards program in place, its president should contact the Chair of NAADAC Award Committee, Tricia Sapp at tsapp716@yahoo.com or NAADAC at naadac@naadac.org for assistance in the development of the NAADAC awards process to recognize affiliate members' contributions to the addiction profession.

Each NAADAC affiliate is encouraged to submit a nominee, although only one nominee per State Affiliate will be considered. To nominate an individual for an award, nominators should submit: a letter of recommendation stating how the nominee fulfills the award criteria; a resume from the nominated individual; three letters of support; and the **new NAADAC Recognition and Awards Nomination Form**, which requires the nominee to acknowledge and sign a statement acknowledging that he/she has met all of the criteria for the particular award and has "demonstrated to the satisfaction of one's peers full compliance and support of NAADAC's Code of Ethics throughout [his/her] professional career." For access to the **NAADAC Recognition and Awards Nomination Form** and eligibility criteria for each award, please visit www.naadac.org/recognition-and-awards.

All award nomination packets must be received by April 30, 2014 for consideration by the NAADAC Awards Committee.

To nominate an individual, please send a letter, supporting documentation and the NAADAC Recognition and Awards Nomination Form signed by the Nominee to:

NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals
Attn: Awards Committee Chair, Tricia Sapp
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Materials may also be faxed to the NAADAC Awards Committee (Attn: Director of Operations) at 800.377.1136 or sent by email to naadac2@naadac.org (please put "NAADAC Awards" in the subject line).

NAADAC does not pay for travel to the venue of acceptance. If the award winner cannot attend the presentation, the award will be sent to the recipient. For additional information, please contact NAADAC by email naadac2@naadac.org (please put "NAADAC Awards" in the subject line) or contact the Awards Committee Chair, Tricia Sapp at tsapp716@yahoo.com or 817.308.7896.