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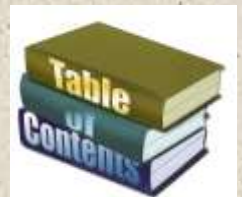
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NADE PRESIDENT, TONYA SCOTT

Greetings, All,

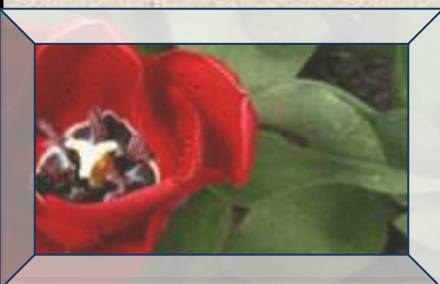
The awesome members of NADE continue to amaze me with their support and words of wisdom and encouragement. I truly appreciate each one of you. Please continue to keep the lines of communication open and flowing!

The Mid-Year Board Meeting was held in Baltimore, February 23-25, 2017. The board was able to meet with the following SSA leaders: Mary Horne (Acting Deputy Commissioner for Operations), Dennis Wilhite (Deputy Associate Commissioner, Office of Disability Determinations), Melissa Spencer (Deputy Associate Commissioner, Office of Disability Policy), Cheryl Williams (Director of the Office of Medical Policy), Dan O'Brien (Director of the Office of Vocational, Evaluation, and Process Policy), Jennifer Pecora (Director of the Office of Policy Consultation and Analysis), Miniya Maskal (Director of ODP/Office of the Associate Commissioner), Joshua Silverman (Technical Expert from the Office of Vocational, Evaluation and Process Policy), and Gale Stallworth-Stone (Acting Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General). The board appreciated the time, as well as the information, provided to us by each of our guest. Please make sure to review the articles provided in this edition of the *Advocate* for additional information on our guest.

Jennifer Nottingham, (NADE Legislative Director) and I were in Washington, DC the week of March 20-24, 2017, for the annual NADE Capitol Hill Visits. We had a packed week of appointments scheduled to meet with various House and Senate leaders/committee members to discuss the continued importance of the disability program. During the mid-year board meeting, the board discussed the top issues of concern for NADE, and these issues were discussed at during our meetings.

As stated previously, YOUR VOICE MATTERS! Please continue to provide feedback to your chapter presidents, regional directors, or any NADE board member. As we continue with the challenges, we face, having the assistance and support of others is critical.

"Be the change you want to see in others". – Mahatma Gandhi



FROM THE DESK OF NADE PRESIDENT,
TONYA SCOTT

Tonya M Scott
Candidate for Secretary
2017-2018



I would like to take the opportunity to announce my candidacy for the office of NADE Secretary for 2017-2018.

I have served as NADE President (2016-2017) and President-Elect (2015-2016).

I served as NADE Secretary during the period 2008-2015. Since joining the NADE Board in September 2008, I have grown in wisdom and knowledge. I have successfully fulfilled the duties charged in all of the positions held. I have truly enjoyed the time that I have served and ask for your support and vote that I may continue to serve you.

I started working for the Georgia DDS October 2000. I joined NADE in April 2001. I have continued to strive to be an active, productive member in my local chapter. I have served on various committees on the local level (Community Services, Program/Social, Ways and Means, and Membership), as well as on the Regional level. I served as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Southeast region for the 2006-2007 year. I served as the treasurer for our local chapter for two years, 2006-2008. I served as President of my local chapter, GADE, during 2011. I was awarded the NADE Lewis Buckingham Award in 2015. I was also awarded the GADE E. B. Agnor Award for Adjudicator of the Year in 2006 and I was a 2009 Nominee for the GADE Regional Service Award. In 2011, I received the Social Security Regional Commissioner's Citation in recognition for exemplary performance and dedication in servicing the needs of the public and to the Agency.

I have benefited greatly from the NADE training opportunities. I have enjoyed attending and meeting other members. My involvement with the local chapter of GADE and with NADE activities/training has greatly benefited me in my ability to serve the claimants more effectively. I look forward to the opportunity to continue serve NADE and will dedicate the time required to perform the duties of secretary.

I respectfully request your support again.

Thank you,

Tonya M Scott

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

It is with great enthusiasm that I announce my candidacy for re-election to the position of Treasurer. I have enjoyed my experience as serving as Treasurer. I look forward to the future challenges of keeping NADE financially sound and adaptable to the changes surrounding and affecting NADE.



I have served as President of the Great Plains region for one term. I am the Missouri State President. I have served many terms as the President of my local chapter in Jefferson City, Missouri. I have served as Missouri State Treasurer for multiple terms. I have also served as NADE Legislative Director and served on various committees for nominations, awards, NDPW, Donate Life, and many more! Serving in all these capacities has given me an appreciation for the mission of NADE and how to keep business processes efficient AND effective!

I have worked the past year to get the NADE chapters in place for the tax code change. I am hoping that NADE will be able to continue move forward to this goal of becoming a 501(c)3. I appreciate all the hard work each chapter has done to perform the necessary steps to make this transition.

I would like to thank the membership for the opportunity I have had to serve in the past, and look forward to your support to continue my service as Treasurer.



Hello Chapter Presidents!

I am announcing my candidacy for the position of Chair of the Council of Chapter Presidents.

I hope to meet with many of you at the upcoming National Training Conference in Detroit to answer any questions you may have about my qualifications for this position. I also welcome any concerns or comments you may have before the conference.

At the South Dakota DDS I have worked in the positions of secretary, senior secretary, examiner, and senior examiner.

As a member of SoDADE I have been the president, president-elect, president-elect/membership officer, secretary, treasurer, and chair of several committees. While serving

on the registration, program, and public relations committees when SoDADE hosted a National Conference, I gained experience working as part of a cohesive team with people inside and outside of NADE. I have worked on fundraisers and membership drive activities. I also recently updated our Chapter Handbook.

As a member of the Great Plains Region I have been president, president-elect, and secretary. I have written several articles for The Advocate and served on various committees.

At the National level I have served one term as NADE Board Secretary. In this position I gained further knowledge of the true value of NADE and a genuine understanding of the Board's role and responsibilities in carrying out NADE's Mission. I was responsible for turning in reports for the mid-year and annual Board meetings. And again I served on various committees.

As a chapter president you have this very special voice in the CCP Chair on the NADE Board of Directors.

I look forward to this opportunity to serve NADE, its members, and especially you, our chapter presidents.

Please make me your choice for CCP Chair 2017-2019 at the 2017 National NADE conference.

Thank you,

Crystal A. Bach

Candidate for Southeast Regional Director

I would like to announce my candidacy for the office of Southeast Regional Director of NADE for 2017-2019, at the NADE National Training Conference held in Detroit, MI.



I have been an employee of the North Carolina DDS since 2009, and a NADE Member since 2011. Since joining NADE, I have been plugged into my local chapter, served on several different committees, and held offices on the THADE Board. I have served as board member, and will be seeking my fourth term as President of THADE coming up in our June elections. I served as Southeast President during the 2014-2015 NADE fiscal year. I served as the CCP Chair for NADE for two terms, and although stepping down last year from my office due to family reasons, I am eager to serve NADE in a leading role once again.

I have gained a wealth of knowledge serving on the local, regional, and national level that I use to continue to promote NADE. I believe I can continue to serve NADE with the highest dedication to ensure this organization continues to grow, while representing the Southeast Region.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve the Southeast Region as Regional Director.

Sincerely,

Thomas Gautier

Ayanna Conley



Candidate for Southeast Regional Director

I would like to announce my candidacy for the position of Southeast Regional Director for the elections taking place during the National Training Conference in Detroit, Michigan on August 12-16, 2017.

I began working for Disability Adjudication Services in Georgia starting in September 2003. I became a NADE member, most recently, in 2015. I originally joined NADE in 2011. However, I let my membership lapse under the mistaken belief that I wasn't receiving a good return on my investment in NADE. I am glad my local Chapter convinced me I was wrong. NADE has given so much to me: opportunities to learn more about disability evaluation, opportunities to learn more about myself, and a chance to meet disability professionals from around the nation. It feels good to be back and I am committed to doing everything that I can to support this great organization.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve you as Southeast Regional Director if elected and the opportunity to meet you in Michigan.

Calling for Candidates for the Election of the 2018 NADE Officers

Hello NADE members,

Once again, it is that time of year to start thinking about increasing your participation in the greatest professional organization for disability determination adjudicators and examiners in the United States. This is a call for 2018 NADE officer nominations.

Are you a member of NADE who is committed to the growth of the Disability Determination community? Are you willing to use your time, your energy and hard work to promote NADE's mission? This is a call for all able-bodied members to step up and take some time to serve on the NADE Executive Board.

The Nominations & Elections committee is now accepting nominations from all eligible members for the offices of President-Elect; Secretary; and Treasurer. If you intend to announce your candidacy for one of these offices, please submit a brief summary of your NADE experience, and DDS experience.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the General Membership meeting during the upcoming 2017 National Training Conference in Detroit, Michigan with elections to follow.

Please review the NADE website (www.NADE.org) for further information about the duties and responsibilities of each office.

The Nomination & Elections committee includes:

Erin P. Vincent
R. Todd Deshong
Melinda Gunn

2017 NATIONAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

Greetings from Michigan Chapter (MADE), your host of the **2017 NADE National Training Conference!**

NADE welcomes all disability professionals, both NADE members and non-members, to attend this wonderful training opportunity.

Dates: August 13-16, 2017

Location: Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport

All information regarding registration, rates, deadlines and activities is located at the conference website www.madeindetroit2017.org

Registration for the conference is via survey format so "taking the survey" = registration form. A separate registration process for activities also utilizes the survey.

Act quickly as early registration ends soon. Payment options available by check or PayPal.

Also, please see the above attachment regarding the paper copy of the Registration and Activities form.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference

Hotel Reservation link: Room Rate from August 11-20th:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1703014821&key=2996AEBE>

For questions, please contact Conference Coordinator/MADE President: Dr. Sharon Bland-Brady at Sharon.Bland-Brady@ssa.gov, Phone number: 313-456-6725.

Thanks,

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NATIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 2017

Amplify your Enthusiasm NADE on the Move

When: August 12-16, 2017

Where: Sheraton Hotel Detroit Metro Airport

8000 Merriman Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

Room Rate: Single \$115, Double \$115, Triple, \$125, Quad \$135

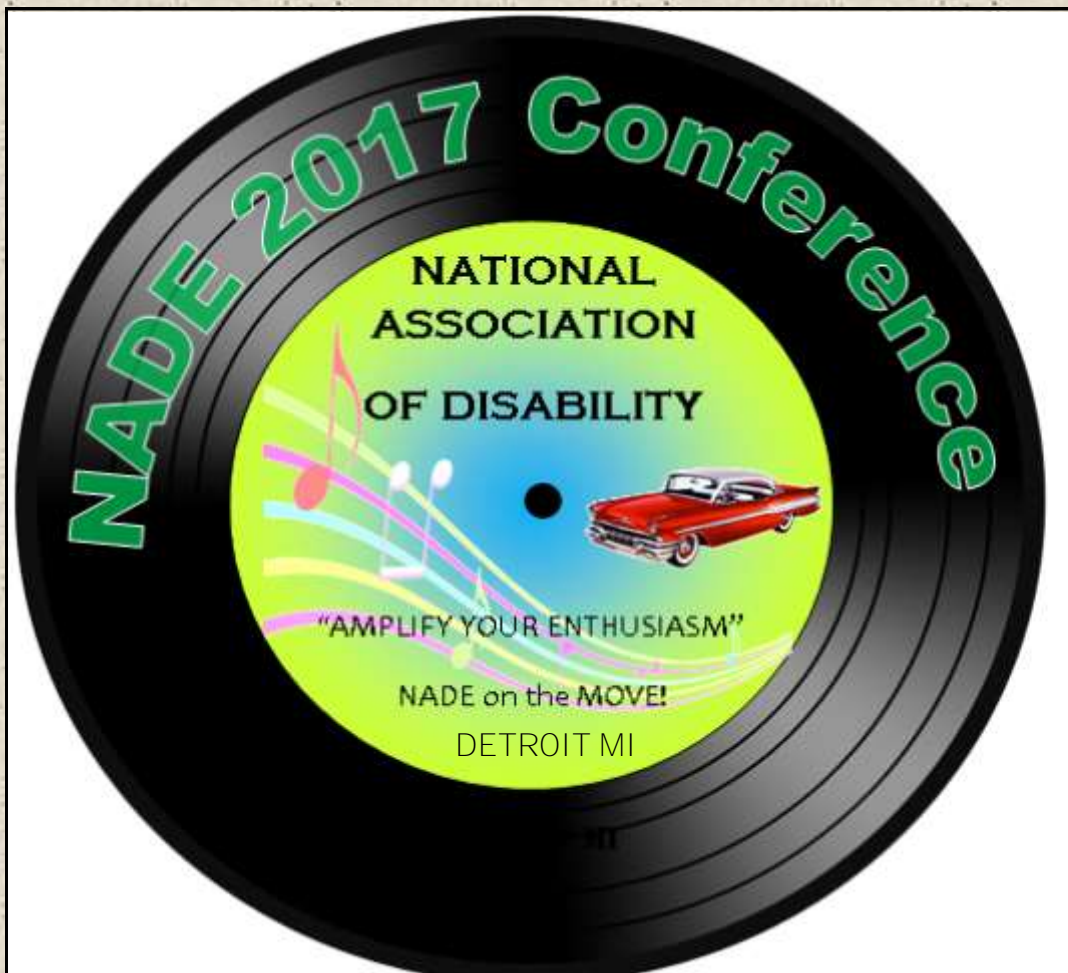
Hosted by: Michigan Association of Disability Examiners (MADE)

NADE Members \$200 Non-Members \$260

Early registration ends 6/30/17

Please visit the website:

<http://www.madeindetroit2017.org/>





NADE 2017 NATIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

When: August 12-16, 2017

Where: Sheraton Hotel Detroit Metro Airport

8000 Merriman Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

Sunday, August 13

9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	2016 - 2017 NADE Board Directors Meeting
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	President's Reception

Monday, August 14

7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Conference Registration
7:30 am – 8:00 am	First Time Conference Attendees Meeting
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Opening Ceremonies Chuck Jones, DDS Director- Welcome Phyllis Smith, SSA Chicago Regional Commissioner
8:45 am – 9:30 am	Tonya Scott, NADE President's Address
9:30 am – 10: 30 am	Nancy Berryhill, Acting Commissioner Social Security Administration
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am – 11:45 am	John Owen, Associate Commissioner of Social Security Administration DCO/ODD

Monday August 14th-

11:45 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch on your own PRO Meeting During Lunch Time NADE Board/Administrators Luncheon
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Gale Stallworth Stone, Acting Inspector General <i>“Update Cooperative Disability Investigative Unit”</i>
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	CDI Workshop by OIG Office of Investigations
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm– 4:15 pm	<i>TBA</i>
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm	NADE Membership Meeting

Tuesday, August 15

7:00 am – 8:00 am	Conference Registration/CCP Meeting
8:00 am – 9:00 am	SOAR Presentation – Jen Elder <i>“Federal Policy Development and Implementation to End Homelessness”</i>
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Suicide Prevention – Dennis Liegghio <i>“Promote Awareness that suicide is a Public Health Problem is Preventable”</i>
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 am – 11:15 am	Syed Ashan MD, Vascular Medicine <i>“How vascular disease effect our clients ability to function”</i>
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Julie Mavis - DDS/FO Collaboration <i>Team Effort to help resolve issues in the DDS and the SSA Field Office”</i>
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Awards Luncheon
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm	Grace Kim, Assistant Deputy Commissioner
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Debbie Harkin, Senior Advisor to Associate Commissioner of ODP
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Regional Caucuses

TUESDAY AUGUST 15th-

3:30 – 4:00 pm	Regional Caucuses
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, August 16

7:00 am - 9:00 am	Conference Registration
8:00 – 9:00 am	Teresa A. Zwololan, PhD, Cochlear Implant <i>“What is the impact on Cochlear Implants on the Ability to Function?”</i>
9:00 – 9:45 am	Mira Krishnan, PhD, Autism Assessment <i>“Learning Disability Assessments and Diagnosis”</i>
9:45 am – 10:00 am	Break
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Lindsay Shull- Living in Poverty <i>“Understanding Poverty and Implications for the Disability Program”</i>
11:00 am – 12:00 am	Justin Minyard, Boston Scientific <i>“Emotional and Physical Impact of Chronic Pain”</i>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch on your own
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	MOTTEP Minority Organ Tissue Transplant <i>“Raising Awareness on Organ Tissue Donation and Saving Lives”</i>
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Dr. Jan Lewis, Autologous Stem Cell Transplantation <i>“How to Evaluate Multiple Myeloma Patients”</i>
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	<i>TBA</i>
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Closing Ceremony
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	President’s Remarks
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	NADE Board of Directors Meeting

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Keep them coming! It is always good to hear NADE success stories.**



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