



To: NADE Board of Directors
From: Sara Winn, NADE President
Date: February 25, 2021
Subject: NADE President Midyear Report 2021

Dear NADE Board:

I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve as President of NADE since August 2019. I stayed in the role due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Many of the board members and committee members were asked to stay in their roles, I am grateful for everyone who worked together to keep NADE afloat. I want to thank the board for remaining in their roles and continuing to make NADE a priority. Despite the challenges of this past year, I believe in NADE's role and importance as a voice for so many of us at the DDS.

Since end of year reports, the NADE board has had calls with SSA to discuss pertinent policy changes and topics important to DDS. DDS offices are transitioning to DCPS and offices are receiving laptops or will be receiving them soon. NADE's membership has declined since the pandemic, but I applaud the chapters that have found ways to still hold meetings and activities. I enjoyed joining a zoom meeting for THADE and welcoming new members to NADE. It is my hope that membership will rebound once the pandemic improves. CCP chair left the DDS and that spot is currently vacant, the RD's will step in the meantime to cover that role. In addition, the Great Lakes RD stepped down and there is someone that will be covering that role until elections are held.

NADE board will hold a board call, March 2, 2021, to discuss midyear business, including elections and future conferences. The National Training Conference scheduled to be held in Helena MT in August 2021 has been postponed due to concerns with the coronavirus. Additional details will be provided later. There is hope that we can meet again in 2022, but there is still so much uncertainty around what life will look like at that time. I will continue to work with the Legislative Director and President Elect to discuss Capitol Hill visits.

Several NADE members responded to a request and created a NADE video which will be uploaded to the website. It is called "What NADE means to me?" I appreciate everyone who took time out to create a video and work on this project.

In the months ahead, my focus will be on helping Marjorie with the transition to the President role and transitioning to my role as Past President. My hope is that with the changing work dynamics with working remotely that NADE finds a way to stay relevant and thrives.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Winn