



To: NADE Board of Directors
From: Marjorie E Garcia
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Subject: President Midyear Report 2022

It has been my pleasure to serve in the capacity of President over the last year. This past year I have had the benefit of a great mentoring team in Sara Winn, Jennifer Nottingham, Tonya Scott, Molly Turnbull, Julie Kujath and Trish Chaplin. Considering the ongoing circumstances related to the novel Coronavirus, and the postponement of yet another National Training Conference (2020 & 2021), I am really looking forward to continuing my service to the membership as President through the NTC 2022.

As in the previous fiscal year, I attended SSA sponsored meetings, and accepted invitations to join panels, presentations, and discussions. The first half of the fiscal year included discussions with the Government Accounting Office (Equity in SSA Programs), and the National Disability Forum (Equitable Access for LGBTQIA+ Individuals), representing NADE's position.

In lieu of a 2021 National Training Conference, I worked closely with the Associate Commissioner of the Office of Disability Determinations, John Owen, to sponsor an MS Teams ODD/NADE conference 9/22/21, which was attended by over 100 NADE members. I continue to work closely with this office and others to obtain commitments for the upcoming 2022 NTC.

My activities this past year included:

- Attending and participating in CCP, Chapter and Regional meetings remotely by invitation.
- Organizing and leading remote end of year Board Meetings and the General Assembly Meeting.
- Participating on quarterly conference calls with John Owen, SSA Associate Commissioner for Disability Determinations and the NADE Executive Board.
- Working with the Strategic Plan Committee to update the Strategic Plan's assigned duties, and terminology to improve consistency between bylaws, charges, and other guides.
- Participation in National Training Conference planning meetings to discuss and prepare for the upcoming (and return to) in-person NTC.
- Contacting and securing commitments by various members to serve on the 2021-2022 Board and National Committees.
- Contracting and finalizing midyear plans with the Kimpton Monaco Hotel-Baltimore.

- Organizing meetings and accommodations for the midyear meeting presentations and guests, at the Kimpton Monaco Hotel-Baltimore.
- Preparing communications for mass emailing to membership, including but not limited to notifications of SSA sponsored forums, and Advocate releases.
- Preparing and/or provided updates to the webmaster, including but not limited to Reports, new Board/Chapter/Committee contact information, Forum permissions, and other news.

I will continue prioritizing my efforts to provide better access to resources and information by updating the NADE.org website timely, and ensuring all information is relevant and current. I will also continue reaching out to all members through mass emails to provide news and opportunities in real-time. It is my intention to encourage all members, even those without a chapter affiliation, to remain engaged, well-informed, and actively recruiting!

I am honored to work for NADE, and especially with the new Board, as we work toward strengthening NADE's membership and mission.

Respectfully Submitted,

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NADE President