

## Region 6 Steering Committee Nomination

My name is Amber Kargol and I currently advise transfer students at Iowa State University. After receiving my master's in Student Affairs from Texas A&M University, I've spent 12 years developing my skills as an academic adviser. This work has largely been done at large, public universities with student populations in education and human science areas and most currently transfer students in STEM majors.

I started advising at Iowa State in 2012 and have had the opportunity to become more involved with NACADA. I have written two book reviews, published an article in *Academic Advising Today*, presented and volunteered at regional conferences and state drive-ins, and am the incoming chair of the Advising Transfer Students Commission. I believe in NACADA and truly wish to connect others to this organization. It has allowed me to be more innovative and thoughtful while advising and leading students. I have been privileged enough to have professional development funds, but did not at my previous institution. I have a specific passion to make it assessable to those who do not have access to professional development funding. Collaborating with others is the best mechanism to make positive changes in our work with students. These collaborations will increase exposure to NACADA and augment our conference proposals and nominations for regional and national awards. I hope to bring more recognition to our state and region as I believe there are many deserving advisors whose work is truly amazing.

Region 6 is very large in land mass, but relatively small in NACADA membership. I hope to decrease this gap in our region and use technology to bring more members together from all institution types and expose new members to inexpensive professional development opportunities. The Region 6 steering committee would be a great avenue for me to give back to the NACADA community and share my experiences in advising.