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I would like to serve as your Alabama Liaison for 2009 -2011. I have been a member of NACADA and the advising community since 2006. During my time as an advisor, I have worked with the undeclared population for 2 years and I currently advise Biology majors within the Department of Biology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. My involvement with advising has been at the local level by working with the UAB Committee on Academic Advising and the UAB Advising Training Committee. My responsibilities include providing more effective ways to train professional and faculty advisors. I have attended the following NACADA conferences- Region IV in 2007, Nationals in 2007, and Nationals in 2008. Most recently, I presented at Chicago in 2008, was awarded the UAB Outstanding New Advisor for 2009, and was awarded the NACADA Outstanding New Advisor Certificate of Merit for 2009.

During my past three years as an advisor, I continued to seek opportunities that would enhance me as a professional. As I continue to grow as an advisor, I have goals to work in the areas of teaching, research, and administration.

I would like an opportunity to get involved at the state level and make Alabama the best state in Region IV. My first priority is to advocate for your local advising issues through regular communication of the listserv and the regional newsletter. Another one of my priorities is to have quality professional development and training at our Regional conferences that focus on the concerns of the region. My last priority is to have an increase of presenters and award winners at the national level from the state of Alabama through award and proposal workshops.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your next Alabama Liaison for 2009-2011!