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I see serving as a Steering Committee member as an opportunity to come together with like peers to explore creative ways to foster meaningful dialogue, collaboration, and reflection on the continued growth of the advising profession. NACADA has played a vital role in my own professional growth since emerging into the field in 2006. In 2013 I had the pleasure of chairing the hospitality subcommittee for the Region 8 annual conference hosted in Anchorage, Alaska.

Region 8 is spread out and has several rural areas that may find collaboration a challenge at times. My intention is to contribute additional skills that will help us reaffirm our collective voice and identity, strengthen relationships, and engage more members in unique opportunities that grow our capacity for thinking together, problem solving together, and reacting to change together. My experience in harvesting such collective knowledge comes from my dedication to contribute to innovative, and sometimes unconventional, approaches that stimulate passion and comradery. One such idea is to expand our online community. Our blog has the means to transpire the shared energy and conversations from our annual gatherings into innovative action and continued collaboration. Recently I gained experience being tasked with increasing participation through online engagement. The new blog is rich with reflections from hosts, next steps, new topics posed by typically shy members, and of course excitement.

The most rewarding benefit of NACADA is our collective wisdom as exploring issues together encourages new ways of thinking and creating new possibilities. Each one of our members should have an opportunity to add their diverse perspectives and feel the support of a network regardless of location. I kindly ask for your support and if you vote for me you will gain a professional dedicated to focusing on what matters, linking and connecting ideas, and enhancing relationships.