

## **Susan Corner**

NACADA has played a central role in my professional life in academic advising and this has motivated me to submit my name for consideration as the BC Representative for Region 8. I do this in appreciation of all that this association has given to me. I have been welcomed and received support and guidance from colleagues at other universities, including during my first year, support from the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. Members of Region 8 have made an important difference in my professional life, offering connections at annual conferences and a sense of community on this west coast. In 2014, my advising team was welcomed by the University of Oregon and Oregon State University for campus visits where we engaged in lively discussions that enhanced our knowledge and understanding of advising practices. These experiences have demonstrated to me how powerfully we can, as member of this association, impact each other, our program development and ultimately the students we serve. As Sally Garner often says, "Eight is great!"

As a member of NACADA, I feel fortunate to have participated in a number of professional development opportunities, including attending the NACADA Summer Institute held in Louisville in 2012 and annual conferences in Nashville, TN in 2012 and Salt Lake City in 2013. I also supported a colleague's attendance at the 2014 conference in Minneapolis, MN. At both annual and regional conferences I have made important connections with members of Region 8. I attended a Region 8 conference in Anchorage, AK, with a conference scholarship providing the additional funding needed to bring a second delegate from UVic. One of my staff also received a conference scholarship to attend the Region 8 conference in Vancouver, BC where I gave two presentations and provided behind-the-scenes support for the planning committee. I know first-hand the value and benefit of receiving a Region 8 award and would welcome the opportunity to participate in the scholarship process.

As a British Columbia representative I would hope to strengthen members' connections across the region, as well as bring forward issues and topics that are important to other advisers in this province. Over the past 3 years I have actively promoted a stronger advising community in BC and Canada.

I became Director of Academic Advising for the Faculties of Humanities, Science and Social Sciences at the University of Victoria in January 2012 and Director, Academic Advising and International Student Services in April 2014. I have worked at the UVic for 25 years and in the student affairs profession for the past 17 years.