

**NCCA Mid-Year Report
GLOBAL CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE**

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Committee Purpose:

The Global Connections Committee was formed to unite counselors worldwide who have expressed interest and concern about international policies and practices in career development. The committee achieves this goal by playing an active role in hosting global participants at the NCD A Annual Conference, recognizing global leaders through the International Career Practitioner Award, coordinating collaborating with International Career Development Associations as partners in strategic initiatives, and representing issues of global career counseling practice worldwide through information dissemination and advocacy.

Committee Activities to Date

The activities of the GCC were carried through the work of five (5) subcommittees. These committees are:

1. Sister CDA Subcommittee: Co-Chairs Don-Marie Holder and Natalie Kauffman
 - i. The subcommittee continues to provide support and guidance in developing a relationship between the University of Virginia (UVA) and the Ateneo de Manila University.
 - ii. Formal documentation continues to be developed and edited to reflect concerns around issues such as liability and ownership of partnership agreements.

2. Marketing Subcommittee: Chair Karin Iwasaka
 - i. Currently drafting content and the layout for a one page front-and-back brochure to serve as a brief introduction to the committee, as well as a longer message to be hosted on the NCDA committee page website.
 - ii. Continuing the promotion of the successful Ambassador program for international attendees of the NCDA national conference.
3. Mini-proposal Review Subcommittee: Chair Christian Chan
 - i. The subcommittee submitted another proposal for the national conference in Orlando which, unfortunately, was not accepted.
4. International Career Practitioner of the Year Award Subcommittee: Co-Chairs Christian Chan and Hsiu-Lan Shelley Tien
 - i. Currently reviewing proposals to select an individual to receive the International Career Practitioner of the Year Award at the national conference.
5. International Affiliates (IA): Chair Vanessa Lee
 - i. This committee has been reviewing and examining the current NCDA international affiliate structure. Based upon the report by Sungsik Ahn and Hyung Joon Yoon, the subcommittee has made recommendations to the NCDA Board to improve and enhance the international affiliate program.
6. Other Chair Initiatives:
 - i. Vera Chapman authored an article in the Winter, 2016 edition of NCDA Career Developments Magazine, focused on working with special populations. The article, titled, *Fostering Global Connections in Support of NCDA's International Members*, highlighted the committee's work and ways in which members can get involved.
 - ii. The Co-Chairs contributed to the March, 2017 *Joint Statement from ISSC, GCC, and DICI Committees* distributed to all members in an effort to support our internal and external constituents impacted by recent changes to immigration legislation.

Projected Plan through September 30, 2017

1. Sister CDA Subcommittee:
 - i. Committee member Dreama Johnson, from UVA, will be presenting at the APCDA (Asia Pacific Career Development Conference) where she will have an opportunity to meet her counterpart at the Ateneo de Manila University to further develop formal ties as sister CDAs.
 - ii. Continue to refine expectations and policies of the Sister CDA initiative, and explore opportunities for expansion.
2. Marketing Subcommittee:
 - i. In collaboration with the mini-proposal subcommittee, the marketing subcommittee will identify and promote via email prior to the NCDA Global Conference, any presentations with a global focus.
 - ii. The subcommittee will also continue to identify new and innovative ways to showcase the GCC at the national conference and through the NCDA website.

3. Mini-proposal Review Subcommittee:
 - i. The committee will be assisting the Marketing committee in promoting GCC activities for Orlando.
4. International Career Practitioner Award Subcommittee:
 - i. Present the International Career Practitioner of the Year award at national conference
5. International Affiliates:
 - i. To develop new guidelines, procedures, and protocols for the International Affiliates program of NCDA.
 - ii. Provide guidance and advice to the NCDA Board on improving and enhancing the International Affiliate program to create better reciprocal benefits for the association, its members, and its affiliates.
6. Other Chair Initiatives:
 - i. Match domestic hosts to global participants through the Global Ambassador Program prior to the NCDA Conference.
 - ii. Lead annual committee meeting at NCDA Global Conference in Orlando, and seek new subcommittee leadership through vote, as needed.
 - iii. Help facilitate the annual International Reception at the NCDA Reception, as called upon.