GIC Meeting

**International Conference in Sheffield:**
Sarah (Sheffield) asked how to make the International Conference more international.

**Wendy** (Troxel) - would like to include the Research Center in what we are doing. I.e. what are the issues? What do we need more evidence? Find collaborative network on topics.

**Oscar** - networking is important. Obstacles in communicating w/others. Interactive opportunities.

**Mehvash** - noted that the international conference feels smaller, more family oriented. Would like to see people paired with a global partner as people often tend to congregate with their own.

**Member Recruitment and Retention Committee:**
Dave Marchesani, Chair of MRRC- wants to collaborate, liaise with GIC; develop formal linkage, cross collaborate; develop online orientation for members (especially beneficial for global members that cannot attend Annual or International). Understand that GIC is new, but trying to form a foundation of consistency. Noted that consistency cannot always be one size fits all. Open up opportunity for all members.

**Oscar** - improve professional development, what do we want as members? Added value. Obstacles that keep people from attending. How you can benefit from NACADA and ways to be involved. Geographical, time zone, languages are more of an issue.

**Karen** - NACADA liaisons/ambassadors are an option to look into further.

**Next Steps:**

**Oscar** - points to raise with document that he emailed to GIC members. Range of things we could do, i.e. invest in people, publish etc. Request to group-please look at document and send comments to Oscar. There's a November deadline to submit the plans for the upcoming year to the Administrative Division. Will set up a Zoom meeting in a month.

Noted that the Journal is too North American in focus and we need to encourage writing/publishing from colleagues around the world.