# 2016-2017 Interest Group Report

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**Name of Interest Group:** Canada

**NACADA Mission:** NACADA promotes student success by advancing the field of academic advising globally. We provide opportunities for professional development, networking, and leadership for our diverse membership.

### Current IG Activities

- Collaborating with sister organizations in Canada (national, regional, provincial)
  - Shea remains involved in CACUSS Advising CoP
  - Neil remains involved in AACUSS, securing the “Academic Support and Advising” divisional representation position
- Contributing to a blog on advising in Canada (advisingincanada.wordpress.com)
  - Starting a list of contributors and potential topics (to be discussed September 2017)
- Promoting advising-related educational opportunities available in Canada
  - Ongoing/continuous activity
- Encouraging participation in advising and student/academic support conferences (NACADA and otherwise)
  - Ongoing/continuous activity; we have provided information promoting NACADA Regional conferences in Canada, AACUSS and CACUSS Annual Conferences, reminder to register for NACADA 2017 (included in an “Advising CoP

### Key/Active Members

- Shea Ellingham, co-chair
- Neil Cole, co-chair
  - Shea and Neil keep in regular, periodic contact, emailing about Canada Interest Group business every month, and speaking on the phone as needed (generally every month or two).

### Desired NACADA Support

- Open to suggestion from CIGD.
- Information/resources for developing pre-conference workshops at annual and regional conferences.
  - A conference call was organized to plan and discuss a preconference workshop proposal; Shea and Neil drafted the proposal and submitted it to the conference committee for NACADA Annual Conference 2017 (we were rejected).
- If volunteers are motivated, we may host a zoom meeting.
  - The CanadaIG volunteers and co-chairs are organizing a conference call for September 2017.
- Participating in and support development of a nation-wide, Canadian Community of Practice of academic advisors and academic support professionals.
  - Update sent to NACADA CanadaIG and CanadaAdv lists (Aug 2017)
  - Encouraging contribution to advisingincanada.wordpress.com blog; encouraging participation in advising related conferences and similar opportunities as they arise.
- Developing a volunteer base for the IG.
  - Some volunteer roles have been tentatively proposed/identified; a Zoom online meeting of the Canada IG will identify volunteer roles in September 2017.

**Reporting Due Dates:** This report is to be completed by **November 1** each year. Send a copy of the report to CIGD Reps Rebecca Cofer, rcofer@abac.edu and Erin Justyna, erin.justyna@ttu.edu, CIGD Liaison Elisa Shaffer, elshaffer@ksu.edu, and your CIGD Steering Committee Member.