Advising Communities Division
2017-18 Former Interest Group Report

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Name of Group: Canadian Advising Community, formerly Canada Interest Group

**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.

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<th>Current IG Activities</th>
<th>Key/Active Members</th>
<th>Desired NACADA Support</th>
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<td>(List activities planned for the next year)</td>
<td>(List key/active members of interest group involved)</td>
<td>(What support is needed e.g., from ACD Representatives or the NACADA Executive Office)</td>
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| - Update Resources section of Canada Interest Group webpage  
  - Updated Fall 2017 | Shea Ellingham, Co-chair  
  Neil Cole, Co-chair | • Zoom meeting support  
  • Listserv/communications support  
  • Open to suggestions from CIGDiv reps and leaders.  
  - Dawn Krause has been instrumental in our online successes. Her enthusiasm, encouragement, and assistance are very much appreciated in helping grow the online presence and engagement of Canadians in NACADA via the Canadian Advising Community. Thank you Dawn! |
| - Encourage Canadian advisors to apply to Global Awards  
  - Determine deadlines  
  - Promote intentionally to listservs  
  - Promoted as information becomes available; we endeavour to continue promoting awards and encouraging nominations | Patricia MacMillan, OUIT  
  Rhonda Christian, Durham College  
  Heather Doyle, Dalhousie University  
  Yvonne Halden, Liz Edmonds, University of Manitoba  
  Megan Vandendreissche, University of Saskatchewan  
  Melissa Gallo, Susan Corner, Brigitte Wiebe, Linda Pardy  
  Paul Sileika | |
| - Advocate for Canadian Award – sponsored by Canadian Advising Community  
  - Investigatory steps have been taken to explore this. We continue to discuss and advocate for Canadian-specific awards or support, with more focus on the regional level. | We need to identify who specifically we can consider key and active members. If all these folks count, one of us will put their institution in | |
| - Steering Committee: establish more roles based on Group needs and goals.  
  - We have only informally achieved this, such as a volunteer. | | |
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<th>Coordinator and panel moderator for online Zoom panel discussions (Rhonda Christian).</th>
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| **Focus on Advising in Canada blog and Facebook group**  
  - Tentative Blog topics and authors identified  
  - Promote Blog and FB via listservs and other channels  
    - We’ve been successful at promoting the blog and Facebook page, as well as securing guest blog writers. Distribution of our blog posts have been cross-organizational, as well (CACUSS, AACUSS) |
| **Long term goal: Canadian Advisor Summer Institute** – begin establishing visionary plan starting with outcomes and key leaders  
  - Rhonda Christian has worked on this informally. |
| **Other goals identified by Steering Committee**  
  - Cross-Canada Campus Conversations Zoom panels (moderated by Rhonda Christian, supported by Dawn Krause in EO, “hosted” by Canadian Advising Community [Shea Ellingham, Neil Cole]) |
| **Continue collaborating with sister organizations (AACUSS, CACUSS, etc.)**  
  - Ongoing |
| **Encourage and promote participation in advising-related educational opportunities available in Canada.** |
| **We continue to identify Canadian advisors who are interested in being involved in the Canadian Advising Community specifically and NACADA generally. This is particularly important as our community is working on continuous growth and development. This necessitates sustainable leadership transitions, which requires active and engaged members in our community.** |
- Ongoing; this has included promoting and encouraging completion of a pan-Canadian survey on academic advising.

- Encourage and promote participation in Regions
  - Ongoing; we’ve leveraged the Advising in Canada Blog and Facebook pages to advertise the dates and foster participation.

**Optional Reporting**

Please note that the Canadian Advising Community co-chairs (Shea Ellingham, Neil Cole) have opted to complete this version of the report. This will be the last time we use this version.