



2024-2025 NAADA Fall Board Meeting | Bozeman, Montana | Aug. 26-29

Happy Fall Everyone!

We have had a few cool days here in South Carolina and football has started, so I am officially declaring it is fall. Your NAADA Board met a few weeks ago in Bozeman, Montana and had a great meeting. A big thank you to Montana State for hosting us. It was great to see their beautiful campus, tour their rodeo team facility and participate in their back to school reception! The board has enjoyed having our meetings at campuses across the U.S., let us know if you would like us to visit your campus.

Watch your email in the next few weeks for exciting announcements on virtual track meetings, BBS (Beg, Borrow & Steal) events and virtual workshops. Our board members have been busy at work planning great opportunities for professional development and learning over the next year. Remember, you can join in on any of these opportunities, not just the ones in your designated tracks.

[It is also time for our annual University dues renewal.](#)

Your “campus contact” should have received the official invoice and notice. This is a great time to invite your coworkers and others in your colleges to join in on our various virtual NAADA activities. We can help get those members added to your account if you are unsure how to add them. We have also recently transitioned to Member Clicks which is going to make our member experience online through our website even more accessible and useful.

I know that Fall is one of the busiest times for those of us in academia. I hope that the month goes well and that all of your events are a success!

Go Tigers!



Paula Beecher

2024-2025 NAADA President

Clemson University

Director of Alumni & Career Services



MESSAGES from our COMMITTEE CHAIRS

VOLUNTEER TRACK | Bringing Others Along

It may be easy to think of how NAADA offers YOU professional development, ***but have you thought of who else can benefit from this community?***

As a volunteer representing my alma mater, I was brought into NAADA in 2019 by our Director of Alumni Relations since I was on our College Alumni Organization's Board of Directors and our Executive Committee. I signed up for

the email communication and my college supported me in attending the conference in Baton Rouge. I was immediately blown away by how helpful this organization is. Since then, I have participated in multiple conferences and virtual programs, and built my own network within the NAADA organization. As a professional with a full-time job outside of academia, this has been **one of the most unexpected but valuable parts of my personal development**, and I believe has made me a better leader within my college and university.

As the Track Representative for Volunteers on the NAADA Board, I encourage you to think about two things as we head into the fall:

1) How can I share what I've learned through NAADA with others?

What we learn through NAADA can be both inspiring and very tangible. Bringing these ideas and concepts to life is where the magic happens, especially when we share that with others. Maybe you do this through a presentation you give at a team meeting, inviting others to the virtual calls, or sharing tidbits that you picked up from a conversation or session. Although the conference is a signature event, the insights and community of NAADA can be beneficial to us throughout the entire year. It's on each of us to keep the learning and sharing going.

2) Which volunteers can I invite to NAADA's community and conference this year? Every NAADA member institution has **three free memberships for volunteers** each year. This means that the decision to bring a volunteer to develop them and engage them is a no-brainer! This can be a game-changing experience to take your volunteers and alumni engagement to the next level. Consider who has consistently shown up, a new volunteer who shows promise and has been engaged already, or a seasoned leader within your alumni board. Even if they can't come to the conference, think about who you can sign up to get involved virtually this year. We are excited to offer programming this year for volunteers to learn and connect.

I am beyond thankful that someone brought me along with them into their NAADA journey. Because of that, I hope you join me and the NAADA Board by growing NAADA's reach, especially with volunteers, in 2024, 2025 and beyond.

Elizabeth Galbreath, Virginia Tech
2024-2025 NAADA Volunteer Track



Mary Buschette, Elizabeth Galbreath (back), Jamie Lucero and Renee Keese

An Update from Individual Awards Committee Chair

We are off and running for 2024-2025 with an updated slate of committee members. New to the committee are Jordan Mosely, Auburn (Executive Liaison); Luke Brenneman, Jennifer Martinez, UC Davis; Purdue; Marissa Mikel, Purdue; and Katie Talley, Auburn. They will be joining current members Renee Keese, BASF/Clemson; Lacey Gordon, Mississippi State; and Pat Wittington, Ohio State.

Nominations will open later this fall, so be on the lookout to recognize deserving folks.

Tom Looney

University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture
2024-2025 NAADA Awards Committee Chair



Are You Interested in getting involved with NAADA?

Visit our Committee Information page to see what opportunities fit your experience and interests. You can always reach out to your campus contact!

[Click here to volunteer in a NAADA Committee!](#)



Industry Partners Program

The Sponsorship Committee is looking for our future Industry Partners to support NAADA! Our partners would receive access to key people at land-grant institutions across the nation. If you know of a company that would be interested in supporting our professional growth please contact Austin O'Neill (austin.oneill@msuaf.org)

[Click here to learn more about the NAADA Industry Partner Program](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch your emails for more information regarding
Committee Meetings, Track Sessions & BBS (Beg, Barrow & Steal Sessions).

September 25, 2024 | Student Professionals Track | ZOOM



Please submit content for the
Connections Newsletter
by **the first day of each month.**

Send to: info@naada.org



Sydney Bezanson | North Carolina State University | Development Track

Jason Gipe | North Carolina State University | Development Track

Allyson Farmer | North Carolina State University | Development Track



It's time to renew membership in NAADA!

There are 5 levels of Institutional Membership.

How many members can be registered at the highest level of membership?

- A: 7+
- B: 10+
- C: 15+
- D: 20+

[Submit your response!](#)

Congratulations to Emily Wickham from The Ohio State University whose name was randomly selected from the correct answers to the August trivia question.

The Morrill Land Grant College Act was a significant piece of legislation that established a national system of state colleges and universities. The act was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln on July 2, 1862.

Click to [Learn more about NAADA Membership](#)



Reminder: It is time to renew your NAADA Membership.

Thanks to all who have already done so and are enjoying the benefits of membership!

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