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PERSONAL STATEMENT

It would be an honor to serve NODA Region IX as a representative of our membership through the Regional Coordinator position.

Professionally-speaking, NODA has been my “home organization” since I first had the opportunity to attend NODAC in 2008. I have since been fortunate to participate in several regional and national events sponsored by this organization, and to take on conference leadership positions at both levels. Doing so has helped me grow significantly as a professional in the field of OTR, while also helping me build an incredible network of colleagues and friends. Throughout the years, I have been humbled by the generosity of this organization’s membership, the talent housed within our region, and the support our members and students provide one another throughout the year.

I am applying for this position in hopes of helping to continue to build on the momentum NODA has made on a regional and national level over the past few years. I look forward to the possibility of working with other members and organization leaders to continue to improve and offer more regular, innovative, and diverse professional development and networking opportunities. As the organization approaches a “celebration year” in 2017, I would love to see us grow in conference participation as a region. I also believe we could gain by offering less costly online or local opportunities for members unable to attend major events, but looking to stay connected with NODA, OTR colleagues, and topics of contemporary interest. Finally, I hope we as a region could continue to increase educational opportunities for mid-to-senior level professionals within the field.

As a student affairs professional with more than 10 years of experience overseeing Orientation-related programming, I have an understanding of and appreciation for the work our members, student representatives, and leaders do. As a creative problem-solver, thoughtful communicator, and lifelong learner, I believe I could effectively represent Region IX on a national level, put goals and members’ ideas into action, and adapt to the changing needs of our organization and field.

Thank you for your time and consideration!