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***Annual Report 2020-2021***

**GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE**

**Date of Report: August 24, 2021**

**Chair:** Kellee Watkins ([kelleewatkins@att.net](mailto:kelleewatkins@att.net) or [kwatkins3@niu.edu](mailto:kwatkins3@niu.edu))

**Co-Chair:** Scott Farmer ([Scott.S.Farmer@outlook.com](mailto:Scott.S.Farmer@outlook.com))

**Committee Members:**

Shannon Thomison, Professional Development Chair

Rose Oku, Social Media Chair

Molly Schuller, Historian

Erin Kilpatrick, 2021 Virtual Mixer Coordinator

Susan Henderson

**Activities to Date**

* Installed new chair and co-chair in April 2021
* Hosted Graduate Student Virtual Networking Event at NCDA 2021 Conference on 6/30/2021
  + Event introduced committee to NCDA Graduate Student Members
  + Recruited two new committee members
* Created 3 subcommittees to achieve FY 2022 goals and establish foundation.
  + Social Media
  + Professional Development
  + Vision and Succession Planning

**Projected Plan through fiscal year end (September 30th)**

* Transition to Asana & GroupMe for project management and communication needs
* Continue developing committee bylaws and succession plan
* Develop Graduate Student Professional Development Resource Guide
* Partner with Ali Breen, NCDA Marketing Consultant to create a NCDA Graduate Student LinkedIn group to launch in November 2021.

If you received funding for your work, what specific outcome(s) benefited NCDA? N/A