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HOD ELECTRONIC MOTION #1
SUBJECT: NUTRITION INFORMATICS



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The House of Delegates conducted a dialogue on nutrition informatics on October 24, 2008. The purpose of the dialogue session was to:

1. Understand the working definition of nutrition informatics and how nutrition informatics integrates and complements the larger scope of biomedical informatics.
2. Identify the impact of nutrition informatics on the practice of dietetics now and in the future.
3. Identify strategies for members, ADA, and all organizational units to position RD/DTRs to optimize use of nutrition informatics to achieve desired outcomes now and in the future.

The House identified cutting edge/innovative practices, opportunities and applications as well as strategies for individual practitioners and ADA during the dialogue session. Common themes of opportunities for the practice of dietetics were identified:

- Tracking outcomes of interventions in all areas of dietetics practice
- Incorporating the nutrition care process into electronic health records
- Translating evidenced-based practice information into prevention and treatment of disease
- Collaborating with practitioners in multiple practice settings to track and analyze outcome data
- Utilizing social networking for education (practitioner and client/patient).

Therefore, be it resolved that over the next several months, the House of Delegates refine and prioritize the ideas and strategies identified during the dialogue session for future action. Also, the HOD requests members and credentialed practitioners to increase and/or enhance personal knowledge and application of nutrition informatics in all practice settings. Dietetics practitioners are challenged to take leadership roles in this evolving area which impacts all areas of dietetics practice.

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HOD ELECTRONIC MOTION #2
SUBJECT: NUTRITIONAL GENOMICS



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The House of Delegates conducted a dialogue on nutritional genomics on October 25, 2008. The purpose of the dialogue session was to:

1. Create a vision of future practice.
2. Identify how RD/DTRs can prepare themselves to incorporate nutritional genomics into practice.
3. Identify what ADA and all organizational units can do to support members in these efforts.

The House of Delegates identified: 1) components of a vision for the future; 2) gaps that need to be addressed to assist the profession to achieve the vision; and, 3) who will be best able to address the gaps related to nutritional genomics. Delegates will further refine and prioritize the list of identified gaps. As a result of the dialogue, the following guiding principles were identified for consideration in moving forward.

- Collaborate with other organizations and institutions to address nutritional genomics.
- Develop on-going educational opportunities (i.e., CPE programs, undergraduate and graduate courses) for current practitioners and students on the topics of epigenomics and nutritional genomics.
- Promote and participate in research to identify practice application.
- Utilize internal and external experts to assist members and the Association.
- Utilize the identified gaps to develop programs intended to prepare members for future practice.

Therefore, be it resolved that the House of Delegates requests the following actions:

1. The ADA Board of Directors considers identifying nutritional genomics as a top priority for the Association as it implements current and future strategies within the ADA Strategic Plan.
2. All ADA committees/task forces, the Council on Future Practice, the Commission for Accreditation of Dietetics Education and the Commission on Dietetic Registration will evaluate the gaps identified by the House and determine first steps for addressing them. All ADA committees/task forces, CADE and CDR will submit a plan for addressing the gaps by fall 2009 with initiation of plans no later than fall 2010. Ideally, all gaps will be closed by 2014.
3. ADA members will develop personal goals (via CDR PDP) for increasing knowledge and understanding of nutritional genomics in order to begin preparing for the future.
4. A second dialogue session on nutritional genomics will be conducted within the next 2-3 years.

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HOD ELECTRONIC MOTION #3

**SUBJECT: ADA BYLAWS AMENDMENT-Commission
on Dietetic Registration Mission and Vision
Statements**

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The House of Delegates conducted a 45-day member comment period on the proposed amendment to the ADA Bylaws. The amendment to the ADA Bylaws relates to Article VII. Standing Committees and Other Bodies. Section 2. Commission on Dietetic Registration ("CDR") would modify the language related to CDR's mission and vision statements. As a result of this feedback, there is overwhelming support for the revised language in the proposed CDR mission and vision statements.

The rationale for the revision to the Mission Statement is:

- The addition of the word "assessment" was seen as important to highlight as distinct from other types of credentialing activities.
- CDR felt it was important to articulate the focus of "processes" which is to assure the public of competent credentialed practitioners (RDs and DTRs).
- CDR felt that spelling out the two credentialed practitioners was more definitive than the generic use of the term "dietetics practitioners".

The rationale for the revision to the Vision Statement is:

- The term "nation" is a more definitive and inclusive term than the current language.
- The term "seeks out" was seen as more active than just "relies on".
- CDR's optimal credentialing processes were not identified as necessary to a vision statement.
- CDR felt that spelling out the two types of credentialed practitioners was more definitive than using the generic term "dietetics practitioners".

Therefore, be it resolved that the House of Delegates approve the proposed ADA Bylaws amendment to the CDR mission and vision statements in Article VII, Section 2 to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII. Standing Committees and Other Bodies

Section 2. Commission on Dietetic Registration ("CDR"). *Purpose*

Statement: CDR has sole and independent authority in all matters pertaining to certification, including but not limited to standard setting, establishment of fees, finances, and administration. *Mission Statement:* CDR protects the public through credentialing and assessment processes that assure the competence of registered dietitians and dietetic technicians, registered. *Vision Statement:* The nation recognizes, seeks out and relies on competent CDR credentialed registered dietitians and dietetic technicians, registered, for food and nutrition expertise. The CDR election shall be determined by a majority of votes cast.

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HOD ELECTRONIC MOTION #4

**SUBJECT: ADA BYLAWS AMENDMENT-Inclusion of
Member Interest Groups**

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The House of Delegates conducted a 45-day member comment period on the proposed amendment to the ADA Bylaws. The proposed amendment would create a new section (Section 2) within Article X to acknowledge the existence and importance of the MIGs to ADA and the profession. As a result of this feedback, there is overwhelming support for the inclusion of the Member Interest Groups in the ADA Bylaws.

The rationale for the addition of the Member Interest Groups

This proposed amendment is an addition to the current ADA Bylaws. There exists a need to include a section on MIGs in the ADA Bylaws based on the approval by the ADA Board of Directors for their establishment and the formation of four (4) MIGs to date. This proposed amendment is similar to the statement on the Dietetic Practice Groups currently found in the ADA Bylaws (Article X, Section 1).

Therefore, be it resolved that the House of Delegates approve the proposed ADA Bylaws amendment to Article X, with the inclusion of a new Section 2 to read as follows:

ARTICLE X. Dietetic Practice Groups and Member Interest Groups

Section 2. Member Interest Groups (MIGs): The Association shall recognize and support member interest groups meeting operational and administrative standards established by the Association. A member interest group will consist of members with common interests, issues and/or backgrounds, focusing on areas other than practice or geographic location, regardless of membership classification or employment status. A member interest group will engage in activities, which meet the needs of its members and are consistent with the mission and vision of the Association; develop guiding principles that are consistent with the Bylaws and policies of the Association; and establish its own dues structure.

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