

**MDA BOD MEETING  
DELEGATE REPORT  
January 30, 2009**

- I. Financial
  - i. None
- II. Activities
  - a. Participated in conference calls for Nutrition Care Process/Standardized Language
- III. Information from ADA

**Calling for Volunteers**

- We invite all ADA members to complete the "Opportunities to Serve" survey which gives you the ability to tell us about your background and interests in serving the Association via a committee or task force.
- The information that you provide is critical to the President-elect and Speaker-elect for making appointments to the various Association committees and task forces for the 2009-2010 program year.
- Please note that the description for each of the ADA committees is available via a link in the survey. Or, you can view the description at the following link:  
[www.eatright.org/cps/rde/xchg/ada/hs.xsl/governance\\_782\\_ENU\\_HTML.htm](http://www.eatright.org/cps/rde/xchg/ada/hs.xsl/governance_782_ENU_HTML.htm) We encourage you to review these committee descriptions to become familiar with the various opportunities.
- The process for reviewing the committee descriptions and completing the survey will take up to 45 minutes, depending on the length of your responses.

**Action to Take**

- First, access the "Opportunities to Serve" survey by clicking on the following link:  
[www.surveymonkey.com/Oppstoserve2009](http://www.surveymonkey.com/Oppstoserve2009)
- Or, click on the "Opportunities to Serve" link found on the Governance home page to view the survey: [www.eatright.org/governance](http://www.eatright.org/governance)
- Second, read the introduction to the survey, which contains a link to the description of the various Association committees to better understand the functions and time commitment for each. You may want to print and review this information before you begin to complete the survey. Use the "Back" button to return to the survey after printing out the reference materials.
- Next, simply complete the survey by answering each of the questions. Please take the time to respond completely to all the questions.
- You can complete the survey in multiple sessions due to the time limitations in your schedule. If you do not complete the survey at one time and wish to finish it later, please use the same computer terminal to access the survey. This ensures your return to the partially completed survey.
- Finally, click "Done" to submit your responses to the on-line survey you completed. A message will appear indicating the completion of the survey.
- We realize that some of you have submitted your information last year. Unfortunately, we do not have the capabilities for you to update this information at this time. So, we need you to re-submit the information again.

**Need Help**

If you have any problems completing the survey, please contact Nina Landrum ([nlandrum@eatright.org](mailto:nlandrum@eatright.org) or 800/877-1600 , ext. 4892) at ADA Headquarters for assistance.

Dear Affiliate Delegates,

Project Vote is almost here! Details on the competition as well as links to resources are below.

### **About**

The ADA Nominating Committee has organized the Affiliate Project Vote challenge to increase awareness of the ADA National Election. Affiliates compete for two prizes based on the overall affiliate voting percentages in the ADA National Election.

The ADA National Election takes place **February 1 through March 3, 2009** on the ADA Web site at [www.eatright.org/elections](http://www.eatright.org/elections). At the end of the elections, the affiliate with the highest percentage of its members voting in the national election as well as the affiliate with the most improved percentage of its members voting in the ADA National Election will receive awards.

### **Awards**

Each winner will receive one free ADA membership to distribute how the leaders see fit.

### **Resources On-Line ([www.eatright.org/elections](http://www.eatright.org/elections))**

- 2009 Candidate Biographies and Campaign Statements
- Affiliate Voting Statistics that show the percentage of affiliate members voted in previous elections
- Link to voting (will be live on February 1)
- Link to real-time affiliate voting statistics during the election (will be live on February 1)

### **Resources Other**

- *ADA Times* article Think National, Act Affiliate: Tips for Increasing Voter Turnout ([http://eatright.org/cps/rde/xchg/adatimes/hs.xsl/115\\_136.htm](http://eatright.org/cps/rde/xchg/adatimes/hs.xsl/115_136.htm))

Please contact Heidi Schwartz, MS, RD, CSP, Nominating Committee Staff Resource ([hschwartz@eatright.org](mailto:hschwartz@eatright.org) | 800/877-1600 ext 4893) with any questions about Project Vote.

### **Schedule of Events for the Spring Electronic HOD Meeting**

§ The schedule of events related to the Spring Meeting can be divided into three different categories: 1) Delegate Training; 2) Association Updates; and, 3) *HOD Dialogue Sessions*. Let me explain each category and the tentative dates for each set of events.

**Technology Delegate Training:** The dates for training are April 6-9 and April 15-17.

We have decided to forego our usual pre-meeting training session and replace it with training on the technology we will be using to conduct our business. You will be able to participate in an electronic training session to prepare you to use the following technology: GoToWebinar and the chat feature on the HOD CoI.

The training will be done in groups of 10-15 delegates and will provide you with CPE. You will be contacted to register for the date and time that best fits your schedule.

In addition, Table Facilitators will participate in a special training session on April 20 (time to be determined).

**Association Updates:** The tentative dates for these updates are Wednesday, April 22 and Friday, April 24. You will be able to hear from the ADA President, CEO and Treasurer on April 22 (tentatively 12-1 pm CT). On April 24, you will receive reports from the ADA Foundation Chair, the PID/DPG Workgroups (Changing US Family and Dietetics Practice project) and myself (tentatively 4:00-5:00 pm CT).

**HOD Dialogue Sessions:** The dates for the dialogue sessions are Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3.

May 2, 10:00 am – 2:05 pm (CT) - Prevention of Childhood Obesity;

(CT) - HLT Proposal for Incorporating an Inclusive Practice Perspective in HOD.

(CT) -Next Steps, Thank You and Transfer of Gavel Closing.

### **Next Steps**

§ Watch for the posting of the HOD Electronic 2009 Spring Meeting Schedule of Events on January 28, 2009. This schedule will provide you with more details.

§ On Tuesday, February 3, 2009, we will post the HOD Backgrounder: Prevention of Childhood Obesity and the HLT Proposal for Incorporating an Inclusive Practice Perspective in HOD to the HOD CoI and Governance page of the ADA Web site. In addition, you will receive a power point presentation for use in soliciting

member input on the two topics for dialogue. And, a HOD Member Fact Sheet on both topics will be provided for your use in communicating to members.

§ If you are unable to attend the electronic activities for the Spring HOD Meeting, you will need to notify Harold Holler at ADA Headquarters by April 3, 2009. You may identify and select an alternate delegate to serve in your capacity for this meeting.

§ Since an electronic meeting is a new experience for us and presents a different level of logistical planning, we decided it would be best to not include member participants in the various activities of the Spring 2009 Electronic HOD Meeting. So, it will be especially important for you to gather all member input on the two discussion topics in advance. Receiving this member input will provide HOD with the various points of view from all of our different member stakeholder groups.

§ We are working with the co-chairs of the Mentor/Mentee program to design networking opportunities for this group. Stay tuned for more details

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