

**Nominating Committee Report**  
**January 30, 2009**

**Report of Activities:**

- Sent e-mail to all board members extending the deadline to accept award nominations.
- Sent award nomination criteria to MDA to be posted on web site.

The following individuals have been nominated for an award:

**-Outstanding Dietetic Leader** Brent Fountain (Northeast), Hardie Frankel (Northwest)

**-Recognized Dietitian of the Year** Tiffani Grant (Central), Leigh Pickard (Northwest)

**-Emerging Dietetic Leader** Draughon McPherson (Northwest)

**-Magnolia Award** Dr. Annette Low (Central), Dr. Andrea Smith (Northwest)

- Scheduled a conference call with past MDA president, MDA president, and nominating committee members to review procedures for selecting award recipients.
- Communicated with nominating committee members via phone and e-mail to prepare the ballot for 2009-2010.
- Verified qualifications and ADA/MDA membership prior to contacting potential candidates to run in the upcoming election.
- Finalized the 2009-2010 ballot, requested resumes from candidates, and sent all information to MDA office to post on the web site.
- The nominating committee submits the following proposed ballot for 2009-2010:

**-President-Elect** Kathy Knight (Northwest), Pam Roberts (Central)

**-Secretary** Chadwick Lee (Central), Diane Tidwell (Northeast)

**-Delegate** Carolyn Bailey (Northeast), Shelia Triggs (Gulf Coast)

**-Chair-Elect Council on Professional Issues** Veronica Martin (Central), Urmila Mota (Central)

**-Chair-Elect on Education and Research** Emmy Parkes (Central), Jamie Zoellner (South Central)

**-Nominating Committee** Kristin Sessums (Gulf Coast), Christina Cobb (Northwest), Michelle Lee (Northeast)

**Financial Report:**

No reimbursement requested

**Plans:**

- Assist in developing procedures for electronic voting for the upcoming election.
- Send post cards to MDA members notifying them of the electronic voting process.
- Post MDA ballot on web site and have members vote from February 15<sup>th</sup>-March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Mail a thank you note to each candidate for his or her willingness to run in the upcoming election.
- Assist the award selection committee and any other interested members with developing dietetic award selection procedures.
- Request that COER chair, COER chair-elect, President-elect, revised CPI chair, and revised CPI chair-elect procedures/responsibilities be posted on the web site.
- Assist the president with selecting a teller committee.

**Motion:**

- The nominating committee presents the proposed 2009-2010 ballot for board approval.
- The award selection committee will consist of the three members from the nominating committee, the CPI chair, and the membership chair with the understanding that if any of these members are nominated for an award that they would not serve in this capacity.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Nominating Committee Chair

