

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MAY 9-10, 2019**

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Thank you to my colleagues on the Board of Directors for the talents and commitment you have brought to the leadership of our Academy and our profession during the past year. I am proud and humbled to have worked side by side with you to serve our members. Together we have made progress in solving the greatest food and nutrition challenges of the day, through the transformational power of nutrition, and creating leaders in the global community. Thank you in particular to Donna Martin for setting such a remarkable example for me to follow as President, and my best wishes and full support to Terri Raymond as she becomes our 2019-2020 President.

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Activity highlights since our February meeting follow.

**Kansas State University Honors Kevin Sauer**

Kevin Sauer was one of five Kansas State University faculty members awarded to receive the school's 2019 Presidential Award for excellence in teaching, advising or administration. Kevin was honored with the award for excellence in undergraduate teaching on May 5 at an all-university awards ceremony. A recipient of numerous KSU teaching awards, Kevin is an instructor in the university's nationally accredited coordinated program and didactic program in dietetics offered by the food, nutrition, dietetics and health department. He also serves as co-director and co-principal investigator of the university's Center of Excellence for Food Safety Research in Child Nutrition Programs.

**Members Honored by NAFEM**

The North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers recently honored Donna Martin and me with NAFEM's 2019 Doctorate of Foodservice Award. Other recipients included Academy members and RDNs, Lynn Harvey, immediate past president of the School Nutrition Association and Martha Rardin, president of the Association for Healthcare Foodservice. The awards are presented to allied hospitality association leaders in recognition of their contributions to the industry.



**Academy Responds to *NY Times* Op-Ed: Support for National Institute of Nutrition**

The Academy responded to a February 27 [New York Times op-ed article](#) coauthored by honorary member Dan Glickman that called for the creation of a National Institute for Nutrition. I wrote to the paper: "We strongly support the concept of a National Institute of Nutrition and stand ready to advocate for it to become a reality."

**Support for Early-Childhood Healthy Beverage Consumption Recommendations**

In an April 17 letter to the director of the Healthy Eating Research Panel of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, I commended the panel for developing a consensus statement for healthy beverage consumption recommendations in early childhood. Academy members and RDNs, Lori Bechard and Alison Steiber, represent the Academy on the panel that examined the evidence base and drafted consensus recommendations. After review of the recommendations, the Academy offered its support

of the consensus statement on Healthy Beverage Consumption in Early Childhood and agreed to be listed among other organizations championing efforts to improve the health and well-being of infants and young children.

### **Academy Experts Take Part in World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative Reassessment**

Experts from several organizations recently met to conduct a reassessment of U.S. policies related to breast-feeding support as part of the World [Breastfeeding Trends Initiative](#). Academy members and RDNs, Robin Stanton and Jeanne Blankenship, participated in the country-level review of infant and child feeding policies, which is encouraged every three to five years. Blankenship and Stanton were part of the original U.S. submission. A compilation of recommended changes will be shared with Academy members who participate in the Breastfeeding Policy and Advocacy Collaborative - a monthly gathering of advocates that is open to all members.

### **American Medical Association Coding Activities**

On behalf of the Academy, I recently supported the nominations of Academy members and RDNs, Keith Ayoob and Jessie Pavlinac, to serve additional three-year terms as the Academy's primary and alternate advisors to the AMA's Current Procedural Terminology Advisory Committee. They are representing RDNs' interests as codes for services are developed and revised.

### **Collaboration with American Gastroenterological Association**

The Academy's collaborative efforts with the American Gastroenterological Association recently produced an article on "Inflammatory Bowel Disease Care Referral Pathway" that has been accepted for publication in *Gastroenterology*. Academy member and RDN, Laura Matarese, represented our organization on the expert workgroup convened by AGA for this project. The invitation to participate in such projects speaks to the high level of respect for our profession by these physician colleagues.

### **American Academy of Physician Assistants Needs Assessment Study**

Hope Barkoukis has been appointed as the Academy's representative on an educational needs assessment study being conducted by the American Academy of Physician Assistants on the role of PAs in relation to nutrition in continuing medical education. This study will support future evidence-based and need-based education offerings to PAs. A goal of the project is to be mindful of issues related to scope of practice while identifying the range of topics and desirable depth of knowledge of PAs on nutrition.

### **Member Appointed to ASPS Clinical Guidelines Review**

Academy member and RDN, Kimberly Paskiewicz, will represent the Academy in the development of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons' evidence-based clinical guidelines on panniculectomy and abdominoplasty. ASPS clinical practice guidelines are performed using a systematic literature review and a stringent appraisal process used to rate the quality of relevant scientific research. The guideline is intended to be used by multidisciplinary teams that provide care for patients undergoing panniculectomy – a surgical procedure to remove the pannus, or excess skin and tissue, from the lower abdomen.

### **Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education**

Academy members and RDNs, Katie Eliot and Kathryn Kolasa, attended the April 17-18 Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education meeting in Washington, D.C. The objective of the meeting was to share ideas for member-driven activities. The Academy's representatives co-authored two papers presented at the meeting, focusing on stress and burnout. With the American

Society for Nutrition no longer providing a representative to the Forum, the Academy is the primary contributor of the nutrition and dietetics perspective on health professional education. The full report from the Academy representatives can be viewed [here](#).

### **National Kidney Foundation Collaborations**

Recognizing that the new and evolving health care environment will require stronger team-based care to achieve goals of high-quality, safe, cost-effective care, the Academy continues to collaborate with the National Kidney Foundation to increase utilization of MNT services for patients with non-dialysis-dependent chronic kidney disease. We published [“Medical Nutrition Therapy for Patients with Non-Dialysis-Dependent Chronic Kidney Disease: Barriers and Solutions”](#) in the October *Journal*. Now we are launching a survey of medical providers, RDNs and patients designed to better understand factors that help patients with chronic kidney disease access medical nutrition therapy.

In addition, the Nutrition Research Network has been working on finalizing the protocol for a Chronic Kidney Disease Guideline Implementation and Patient Outcomes Study to examine the impact of the Clinical Practice Guidelines for Nutrition in CKD that will be released later this year. These guidelines have been a multidisciplinary effort between the Academy and the National Kidney Foundation. The study team plans to host an in-person baseline training during NKF’s spring clinical meeting in May.

### **IDDSI Implementation in the U.S.**

The [International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative](#) created global standardized terminology and definitions for texture-modified foods and thickened liquids to improve the safety and care for individuals with dysphagia, which affects an estimated 560 million people worldwide. The Academy announced our support of this initiative in January 2017. At the 2018 Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo™, the Academy and the American-Speech Language Hearing Association announced that IDDSI would be implemented May 1. The goal is to prompt Academy and ASHA members to develop a plan for implementing the framework within their facilities. The Academy has established an internal IDDSI task force that is driving resource development for members.

The following IDDSI resources are available to our members:

- The [Nutrition Care Manual](#) “Diet Manual” has been updated to reflect the IDDSI framework and is a useful tool to help with facility transition.
- [A recording](#) of 2017 FNCE® session on IDDSI is available and approved for free 1.5 CPE.
- The IDDSI email campaign “IDDSI Boot Camp” began March 11, reaching 1,200 participants. Those who opt in will receive monthly emails providing concrete tasks and timelines to guide implementation in their facilities. If interested in participating, please click [here](#).
- A comprehensive IDDSI resource page can be accessed on the [Academy’s website](#).

### **Meetings**

#### March:

- March 1: Donna Martin represented the Academy and spoke on *The Transformative Power of Food and Nutrition* at the Georgia Nutrition Council’s annual meeting
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- March 2-4: Terri Raymond presented at the Affiliate President-elect training in Rosemont, Ill.

- March 7-8: Kevin Sauer represented the BOD and presented an Academy update at the NDEP Western Region in Portland, Ore.
- March 10-12: Donna Martin spoke at the Foodservice Systems Management Education Council in Savannah, Ga.
- March 12: Donna Martin testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor's subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services in support of strong nutrition standards in schools
- March 13-14: I presented the *Your Academy in Action* update at the National Restaurant Association's Nutrition Executive Study Group in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
- March 14-15: Kevin Sauer represented the BOD and presented an Academy update at the NDEP Central Region in Cleveland, Ohio
- March 20-22: Terri Raymond presented the *Your Academy in Action* update at the Wisconsin Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Madison, Wis.
- March 21: Donna Martin spoke at the No Kid Hungry Rural Child Hunger Summit in Louisville, Ky.
- March 21: Marcy Kyle presented the *Your Academy in Action* update at the Mississippi Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics meeting in Pearl, Miss.
- March 23-26: Alison Steiber and I represented the Academy at the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition's 2019 Nutrition Science & Practice Conference in Phoenix Ariz.
- March 29: Donna Martin presented the *Your Academy in Action* update at the Illinois Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Oak Brook, Ill.
- March 30: I presented the *Your Academy in Action* update at the Pennsylvania Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa.

#### April:

- April 1: Ellen Shanley presented the *Your Academy in Action* update at the Connecticut Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Rockyhill, Conn.
- April 4-7: Linda Farr, Pat Babjak and I attended the Academy's Nutrition Trends Forum, held in Chicago.
- April 4-5: Kevin Sauer represented the BOD and presented an Academy update at the NDEP Eastern Region in Annapolis, Md.
- April 5-6: Manju Karkare presented the *Your Academy in Action* update at the New York State Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Syracuse, N.Y.
- April 7-8: Terri Raymond attended the Washington/Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Seattle, Wash.
- April 9: I presented the *Your Academy in Action* update at the Louisiana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Baton Rouge, La.
- April 9-11: Donna Martin presented the 2019 Shugart Lecture at Kansas State University.
- April 10-11: I presented the *Your Academy in Action* update at the California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Riverside, Calif.
- April 11-12: Marcy Kyle and Kevin Concannon attended the Maine Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics meeting in Orono, Maine. Marcy presented the *Your Academy in Action* update.
- April 11-12: Manju Karkare presented the *Your Academy in Action* update at the West Virginia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Bridgeport, W.V.
- April 12: Terri Raymond presented the *Your Academy in Action* update at the Nevada Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Las Vegas.

- April 12: I presented the *Your Academy in Action* update at the Texas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Arlington, Texas.
- April 26: I gave the graduation address to the Rush University Dietetic Internship in Chicago.
- April 30: I presented the *Your Academy in Action* update at the New Hampshire Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Dover, N.H., and presented on developments in nutrition support.

May:

- May 2-3: Donna Martin presented the *Your Academy in Action* update at the Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- May 3: Marcy Kyle presented the *Your Academy in Action* update at the Hawaii Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Honolulu, Hawaii. As a member of the Member of Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) Workgroup subcommittee of the Nutrition Services Payment Committee, in addition to presenting *Your Academy in Action* at the Hawaii Academy Spring Conference, Marcy also provided a session on the Academy's work and promotion of the return if investment of RDNs taking the lead in MDPP.

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