

Brief Description

As a member of the Board of Directors, the Director at Large ensures the organization's priorities and goals align with its Strategic Plan and fiscal resources. This position is an emissary to members and the profession, advocates for nutrition and health policy and serves as a fiduciary of the 501c6 organization.

Term Length

3 years

Qualifications Specific to This Position

- Strong understanding of the nutrition and dietetics field and current issues
- Excellent communication, conflict resolution and consensus-building skills
- Strategic thinking and decision-making capabilities
- Participation in national Academy and/or affiliate activities within the past five (5) years
- Academy member in Active or Retired categories
- Certified by the Commission on Dietetic Registration, preferred

The [universal skill set](#) applies to all positions on the national ballot.

Core Functions of This Position

Participates in generative, strategic and business discussions; votes on Board matters, reaching decisions that balance the needs, interests and perspectives of members and the extended professional community with fiduciary obligations of the 501c6 organization; serves on committees and/or task forces upon request.

Board Roles and Responsibilities

Set Direction: Governs in a manner that is consistent with the Academy's vision and priorities identified in its Strategic Plan.

Engage in Outreach: Understands the needs, wants and values of the broader membership and community.

Ensure Resources: Ensures effective organizational planning and adequate resources (structure, funds, time, volunteers, staff, technology, etc.).

Provide Insight: Ensures legal and ethical integrity and maintains accountability. Partners with staff to communicate, assess and measure strategic goals.

Support Sound Governance: Understands the Academy's legal structure, fiduciary duties, governing documents, and leadership roles and responsibilities.

Plan for the Future: Fully prepares for and participates in generative and strategic discussions. Provides for Board succession and development.

Demonstrate Servant-Leadership: Guides others with integrity, purpose and a commitment to service.

Commitment

Approximately sixteen (16) days each year for virtual and in-person meetings. All Board members are expected to attend and fully participate in four in-person Board meetings (July, October, January and May) and 2-3 virtual Board meetings. Additional time is required for conference calls, correspondence, planning, writing reports, etc.

- Directors at Large may be appointed to serve on up to four committees (each typically have 4-6 virtual meetings/year, depending on committee).