

Brief Description

The President oversees the Board of Directors to ensure the organization's priorities and goals align with its Strategic Plan and fiscal resources, represents the Academy publicly and advocates for the nutrition and dietetics profession by collaborating with other leaders to navigate complex issues within the field of nutrition and health policy.

Term Length

3 years (1 year as President-elect, 1 year as President, 1 year as Past-President)

Qualifications Specific to This Position

- Strong leadership skills and demonstrated ability to inspire others
- Deep understanding of the nutrition and dietetics field and current issues
- Excellent communication and public speaking abilities
- Political acumen and advocacy experience
- Ability to think strategically, anticipate future trends and make decisions in the best interest of the entire 501c6
- Participation in national Academy and/or affiliate activities within the past five (5) years
- Experience serving on a national organization Board
- 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

Serves as Chair of the Board, guiding the development and refinement of the Strategic Plan, identifying key priorities and setting the overall vision for the organization; ensures effective decision-making, builds consensus and fosters collaboration and unity; represents the Academy in public forums; engages with policymakers and advocates for policies that promote optimal nutrition and health; and builds relationships with key stakeholders in the healthcare industry, including other professional organizations, agencies and the media.

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 10-15 hours per month, including 5-10 calls or meetings a week. All Board members are expected to attend and fully participate in four in-person meetings (July, October, January and May) and 2-3 virtual meetings.

- The President serves on the Compensation Committee (2-3 virtual meetings/year) and Policy and Payment Committee (quarterly virtual meetings).
- The President-elect serves on Committee for Lifelong Learning (2 in-person meetings), Compensation Committee (2-3 virtual meetings/year), Finance and Audit Committee (monthly virtual meetings), IDEA Committee (quarterly virtual meetings), Policy and Payment Committee (quarterly virtual meetings), and the Academy Foundation Board of Directors (4 virtual and one in-person meeting).
- The Immediate Past President serves on the Governance Committee (quarterly virtual meetings), Nominating Committee (6 virtual meetings), and Policy and Payment Committee (quarterly virtual meetings).