

MDA Board Meeting
May 14, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Attendance and Introductions:

Yvette Phillips; outgoing secretary.

Sarah Covington; new member to the board, position of member at large.

Gen Armstrong; ADA fundraising chair, also a new member to the board, and a new graduate.

Amy Hanavan; New Member Representative, and also a new graduate. Her goal is to be a source of information for new members.

Laura Fox; new member to the board, position of Professional Issues chair.

Patti Steinmeuller; not currently a board member, she is working on licensure issues, as well as volunteering with ADA and SCAN.

Deb Jones; outgoing past president, and has taken over the position as Delegate.

Alison Harmon; outgoing professional issues chair, plans to continue working on the Montana internship.

Lisa Murray; taking over position of secretary.

Tami Waite; taking over the treasurer's position.

Beth Hall; position of president elect.

Melody Anacker; position of member-at-large.

Nonie Woolf; outgoing nominating committee chair, but will remain on the committee for another term. Notes she is planning to retire next April 1.

Charlene Johnson; taking over as nominating committee chair. She currently works in Billings IHS.

Flower Aston; outgoing treasurer.

Susan Jordan; past president elect, now taking over as president.

Didem Park; outgoing president. She appreciated everybody's help this past year!

Also in attendance was Minkie Medora, state policy representative, Mary Ellen Halvorson, public policy chair, Pat Bollinger, board of medical examiners liaison, and guest Julianna Smith from ADA.

Didem Park notes Robert's Rules are used to conduct meetings. The usual format for the meetings is each department will give a report.

Secretary Report by Yvette Phillips:

The meeting minutes from the February 13, 2009 board meeting were read.

Corrections included a typing error on the third paragraph of the last page.

Gen moved to pass the minutes as corrected. Amy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Nominating Committee report by Nonie Woolf:

The nominating committee consisted of Charlene Johnson, June Lewis as well as Nonie. They had a good list of candidates for nominations, however many turned it down, so the actual names on the ballot were slim.

Results of the 2009 MDA election:

President-Elect- Beth Hall

Secretary-Lisa Murray

Professional Issues Chair-Laura Fox

Members-at-Large-Melody Anacker and Sarah Covington

Nominating Committee-Becky Brundin and Nonie Woolf

2009 MDA Awards:

Recognized Young Dietitian of the year-Beth Hall,

Nominated by Susan Jordan and Didem Park

Recognized Dietitian of the year-Didem Park,

Nominated by Katie Bark

Emerging Dietetic leader of the Year-Flower Aston,

Nominated by Deb Jones

Outstanding Dietetics Student-Brittney Wadsworth,

Presented by Melody Anacker

It was noted there were 58 total ballots received. With the low return of ballots, they will look into getting an electronic ballot. Also discussed the low return of ballots may have been related to the small ballot.

Goals for this coming year are to include more selections on the ballot and more members voting. Nonie has put together a list of board positions that will be open for next year, which will be available at the business meeting tomorrow. Members can nominate individuals as early as tomorrow. Further goals include continuing to deal with the Trophy Company in Bozeman for plaques, for pricing and service has been good, and lastly, sending in the necessary information to ADA on time.

Treasurers Report by Flower Aston:

A savings account has been opened with Wells Fargo. She also cashed a first security CD to help pay for the conference.

The checking account balance as of 5/12/09 is 12,516, and savings account balance is 13,669. The First security CD as of 5/12/09 is 20,709, and the American Funds as of 5/8/09 is 12827. The total balance is 59,723. Total expenses February-May 2009 are 5,743, and income is 13,826.

The two remaining CD's are at a fixed rate and mature in November. But they really can be cashed out at any time.

Nonie inquires about conference call charges. Flower will adjust for conference calls to come out of each individual committee budget.

Internship Update by Alison Harmon:

A Montana internship would benefit students and MDA. Internships are very competitive and students must leave Montana to complete their supervised practice.

There is a strong infrastructure in the state to support the internship. There is 26 clinical, 12 community, 15 food service preceptors and potential for more.

There are a total of 11 medical centers and 4 IHS facilities committed.

Overall, they have the potential to put together a high quality internship.

The internship would be 42 weeks total. The budget has a buffer built in for 12-14,000 per internship and 12-14 interns.

The timeline has the first class of interns selected to begin in 2011.

Alison asks for any other potential preceptors to let her know.

Annual Meeting Report by Susan Jordan:

Susan asks for a round of applause for those that helped plan the meeting. A partnership with MAADE was pursued but did not work out. The total budget for this years meeting was 33,000. Susan notes the downturn in the economy significantly affected this years meeting. They had less sponsors and registrants. She notes we may need to figure something else out for our annual meetings in the future, possibly a one day conference, or more webinars. Noted, however, online registration was well received, and was very helpful. They had a total of 61 registrations. Total income included \$6146 from registrations and \$6500 from sponsors.

Public Policy by Mary Ellen Holverson:

There is a breakout session planned for tomorrow. There has been a lot of activity for the public policy committee!

State Legislative happenings included:

- 1) HB 372-exempting breastfeeding mothers from jury duty passed.
- 2) HB 583-supporting Montana Food and Agriculture Development Centers passed.
- 3) SB 234-requiring all insurance companies doing business in Montana to cover autism spectrum passed.
- 4) SB 232-to name the whole wheat huckleberry pancake as the state pancake did not pass.
- 5) HB 212-to provide funding to food banks to meet increased demands for emergency food moved to another bill and passed.
- 6) SB 287-Consumer Health Freedom and Access Act did not pass, after much work by MDA members, and other health-related organizations.

It is also noted WIC farmers' market Administrative funding made it into the Governor's budget and was not eliminated during the session. Also, Food Service Equipment Funds were eliminated from Governor's budget but funded through stimulus funds.

Federal legislative happenings included:

- 1) Child Nutrition/WIC reauthorization was delayed until next year due to health care reform as a priority.

- 2) Health Care reform. On-going discussions with ADA legislative staff, PPC, and Senator Baucus's Senate Finance Committee staffers. Discussions will center on definition of Prevention and nutrition as a cornerstone of prevention. Two or 3 PPC members will go to WDC in June to meet in person with Senator Baucus.
- 3) Health in Action Summit on rural health issues to take place in Bozeman in August. Senator Baucus, Senator Tester, and Representative Rehberg will participate in panel discussion. MDA will have agenda input via Catherine Dratz.
- 4) ADA's 2009 Public Policy Leadership Award has been given to Senator Baucus. He was nominated for the award by Dayle Hayes, Katie Bark, Lisa Ranes, and other PPC members.

Julianna Smith applauded the work that MDA did. ADA is very proud of MDA. She states it is important to build relationships with other professions. Also when one state is successful, it can help others who are facing similar issues. They have asked Minkie Medora to speak at an ADA webinar.

Licensure Report by Pat Bollinger:

There have been 272 requests for licenses since last meeting. 10% of licenses are out of state. There have been increased approvals of programs for CDR. It is also noted Linda Fredenberg is currently in the position of Consultant Dietitians in Health Care Facilities. However, she is not a member of CDHF. They may have to have a meeting with the members to see what to do as a group. She may potentially not be able to serve in that position.

Presidents Report by Didem Park:

Didem provides a summary of accomplishments for the past year which followed the strategic plan including:

- 1) Completed and submitted an assessment report to ADA, due each August.
- 2) Made numerous changes to the website.
- 3) Hired services of a professional accountant, and found no problems. They did discover form 990 was not submitted in the past few years. They are now tax exempt.
- 4) Requested a proclamation for registered dietitian day.
- 5) Attended the Health Education and Action day at the capital.
- 6) Hosted a public policy webinar, with 24 members viewing it. They had 3 host sites.
- 7) The finance committee made some tough decisions given the economy.
- 8) Improved communication among members.
- 9) Worked on revising the president-elect and members-at-large positions, with the goal to be a more efficient board.
- 10) Nominated Max Baucus for the public policy leadership award, which he won. They are waiting for an opportunity to present the award to him.
- 11) Development of an internship through the work of the Professional Issues Chair, Alison Harmon, along with Carla Cox.

- 12) Annual conference.
- 13) Filled 2 new positions with new students.
- 14) Recruited new board members.
- 15) Celebrated National Nutrition Month in March. This was the month many legislative activities took place.
- 16) MDA formed its first district, the Billings MDA.
- 17) Bozeman was designated as an educational chapter.
- 18) The public policy committee endured!
- 19) Many Public policy activities.
- 20) MDA was recognized by ADA, in a newsletter, regarding health care reform.
- 21) Conducted the first member survey.
- 22) Good communications with ADA and other associations.
- 23) 5 board meetings, 4 newsletters.
- 24) Leadership training for the president, and president-elect.
- 25) Awards to members.
- 26) Promotion of the profession with help from all members.

Ideas for next year are to add a student representative to the board as well as going completely to electronic filing.

Survey Results by Susan Jordan:

Primary practice setting is clinical and outpatient counseling with 26 responses.

17.5% do outpatient counseling, 15% in clinical, and 10% are in public health.

44.8% (30) work part-time while 55.2% (37) work full-time.

25% (16) have salaries at 10-25K, 43.8% (28) have salaries at 25-50K, 28.1% (18) have salaries at 50-75K, while 3.1% (2) have salaries at 75-100K.

66.7% (68) are Registered Dietitians, while 19.6% (20) have a Masters degree.

46%(34) site professional development/continuing education as their primary reason for being an ADA/MDA member, with 18.9% (14) report professional obligation as their reason.

10.8%(8) have been members of ADA for less than 5 years, while 23%(17) have been members for 6-10 years, 10.8%(8) have been members for 11-15 years, 27%(20) have been members for 16-25 years, 18.9(14) 26-35 years, 6.8%(5) 36-50 years and 2.7%(2) have been members for more than 50 years.

32% (44) are members of ADA practice groups.

22% (42) are involved with MDA as a member only, with 15.2(29) website users, 12% (23) listserv participants, and 22.5% (43) newsletter readers.

70.3% (26) indicate involvement in a local District as members only, while 8% (3) are website users and 16.2% (6) are listserv participants.

28.6%(6) members would be willing to become more involved with MDA by serving on a board elected position, while 33.3%(7) would be willing to be committee members.

Other Issues by Didem Park:

Chris Emerson has been collecting and forwarding mail for the MDA. It is decided this is OK with everyone for her to continue this.

Kim Pullman will continue to work on the newsletter. She has been doing a great job.

Medical Examiners presentation/report by Patti Steinmuller:
Patti represented MDA at the Board of Medical Examiners. She developed an MDA fact sheet to present to them, and it is now on the website. She talked about the position papers we publish, the strategic plan, and how it meshed well with our activities and with ADA. She had approximately 15-20 minutes to visit with them. They then asked her what they could do for us. It is noted they are revising their website and they want a page for each entity they license, so we will get our own page. We need to revamp the information that will be on that page. Patti also notes she witnessed some of their business before her talk, and it was serious business. She expressed appreciation for Pat's work on licensure.

To wrap up the meeting the outgoing members met with the incoming members, to brief them on their duties.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvette Phillips, RD, LN
MDA secretary