

MDA Business Meeting
May 15, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m.

Members were asked to sign in for an attendance count. It was also mentioned that various reports were available at each table, including the public policy report, the MDA strategic plan, treasurer's report and professional issues report.

President Report by Didem Park
Please see attached report.

Didem notes website improvements have been made in the past year and David Rowell provided a website preview. Additional ideas were put forth on continued improvements to the website.

Suggested ideas:

1. To allow members to use the website. They could create their own page within the site to sell their services.
2. Dietitians could be grouped geographically, featuring different areas of Montana.

He is also learning about and looking into utilizing RSS feeds. This would automatically alert you that there is a new page on the website. This could also help you keep track of the new pages in your browser's favorites or it could alert you in Outlook.

He is also looking into decreasing the mass e-mails sent out, and utilizing RSS might be a better way. David notes this service is free.

Didem also notes a survey was conducted of MDA members by the members-at-large committee. Colleen Keiser offers a review of the survey. There were 18 selective questions plus 3 open ended questions. Some highlights include: most of membership are RD's, 45% are specialized, the primary reason for being an MDA member is for professional development, followed by professional obligation and career enhancement/networking, involvement in MDA include newsletter reader, member only, followed by website user, and listserv participant, 42% would be interested in being a member of or starting a local district. She notes they plan to do further surveys in the future on such things as conferences, member services, professional development and website use.

President-Elect Report by Susan Jordan

Susan thanks the members of the planning committee including Beth Hall, David Rowell, Patti Steinmuller, Kim Pullman, Chris Emerson, Gen Armstrong, and Katie Bark.

Her goal for the year was to create a renewed sense of ownership of MDA and ADA. Her goals for the year as president include:

1. growing the organization
2. form more districts.

3. increasing volunteerism

Nomination Committee Report by Nonie Woolf

Nonie announced the results of the MDA elections:

President Elect – Beth Hall

Secretary – Lisa Murray

Professional Issues Chair – Laura Fox

Members At Large – Sarah Covington and Melody Anacker

Nominating Committee – Becky Brundin and Nonie Woolf

Nonie also presented an award to June Lewis for 6 years of service.

She also notes there is a list on each table of positions that will be open for nomination in 2010, so if you are interested or would like to nominate someone you can put them on the list.

Awards

It is noted that recipients are nominated by other dietitians.

Recognized Dietitian of the Year – Didem Park, nominated by Katie Bark.

Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year – Beth Hall, nominated by Susan Jordan.

Emerging Dietetic Leader – Flower Aston, nominated by Deb Jones.

Outstanding Dietetic Student – Brittney Wadsworth, nominated by Melody Anacker. Melody accepts the award for Brittney as Brittney is not available. Brittney accepted an internship in Alaska. Melody also states her mission is to get students connected to MDA.

Mary Ellen Holverson and Pat Hennessey from the Public Policy Committee also presented gifts to Pat Bollinger, Didem Park, and Minkie Medora for their hard work and success this year.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvette Phillips,
MDA Secretary

Addendum

There were 42 in attendance at the annual business meeting luncheon.

Members: 38

Student members: 2

Non-members: 2