



HOD MEMBER FACT SHEET: 2005 Spring HOD Meeting Outcomes

DID YOU KNOW? . . .

WHAT ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED AT THE SPRING MEETING?

WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES OF THE SPRING HOD MEETING?

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME AS A MEMBER?

The House of Delegates met in Chicago, IL on April 30-May 1, 2005. A total of 180 participants were present at the meeting, which included delegates, ADA Board members, affiliate and DPG leaders, interested members and ADA staff.

What issues were discussed at the Spring HOD Meeting?

- **Dietetics Education Task Force Report:** This session was introduced with a brief presentation by Marsha Schofield, member of the Task Force, which allowed for questions and answers. The discussion focused on how to proceed with the report presented and to identify issues/concerns related to the report.
- **Nutrition Diagnostic Codes:** The session was presented by the Standardized Language Task Force and was intended to provide information about the Codes and how to implement the terminology into practice. Also, the session provided participants with information on to offer suggested changes to the system of diagnostic terminology.
- **Communications:** This session was a follow up to a discussion during the Fall HOD Meeting on how to improve communications with members. Delegates reviewed their challenges and successes within HOD and with the ADA membership.
- **Value of ADA Membership:** The discussion was focused on understanding the importance of appreciated connection to the ADA and knowing some of the personal benefits of membership, which would assist in recruitment and retention efforts in the future.

What are the outcomes of the Spring HOD Meeting?

- **Dietetics Education Task Force Report:** The final motion, a new Task Force charge, consolidated member input, HOD Dialogue Session summary will be forwarded to the Dietetics Education Task Force for their use. The charge to the Task Force will be to explore alternatives to address the future education needs of all entry-level dietetics professionals (DTRs, RDs), as well as, advanced-level practitioners. The HOD Leadership Team will review the Task Force composition and make adjustments to ensure inclusion of non-clinical practitioners (food and culinary professionals, community, food service management and/or school nutrition services). Members can watch for a report in fall 2005 on progress being made by the Task Force.
- **Nutrition Diagnostic Codes:** The approval of the Nutrition Diagnostic Codes will be communicated to the newly established Nutrition Care Process/Standardized Language Committee. Regular updates will be requested from the committee to keep delegates informed on progress.
- **Communications:** This session resulted in the sharing of information intended to assist delegates in enhancing their communications. The additional consolidated successes and challenges will be shared with all delegates.
- **Value of ADA Membership:** The HOD Leadership Team will forward the motion, and the dialogue results including the document "Summary of Value of Membership Dialogue, HOD Spring 2005" to all ADA Teams. HLT will strongly encourage the utilization of these key messages and delivery methods for developing recruitment and retention messages for members. All ADA Teams and Organizational Units will be requested to provide a report on the efforts to use these message/delivery methods in Spring 2006.

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