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Webinar Presenters Wanted

The webinar subcommittee is accepting proposals for presentations to be delivered winter 2021 or spring 2022. Topics of interest include those that enable our members to conduct, disseminate, interpret, and apply food, nutrition, and dietetic research.

Members are invited to submit proposals to present their latest research. Topics of general appeal to researchers are encouraged (e.g., grant writing, research design).

Please submit the title, learning objectives, and presenter's CV here by October 20th, 2021 to be considered.

Nominations Open for Research DPG Leadership Positions

The Research Dietetic Practice Group (RDPG) is currently seeking nominees for the 2022-2023 Executive Committee. Getting involved with the RDPG provides an opportunity to get to know and work with leaders in the field of nutrition research on important issues. Serving on the RDPG Executive Committee will expand your networking opportunities and help hone your leadership skills.

Concerned you don't "have the skills it takes?"
Good news, no past RDPG volunteer experience is necessary except for the Chair-Elect position.
The most important attribute is a desire to get involved and to serve.
It only takes a few minutes to review the job descriptions below.
Then contact one of your Nominating Committee members (listed below) to express your interest and/or ask questions.

You will be glad you did!

We are currently seeking nominees for the following positions:

- Chair-Elect (3-year rotation)
- Treasurer (2-year term)
- Nominating Committee (3-year rotation)

Please contact a Nominating Committee member *by September 12* to express your interest, or nominate a fellow member:

- Phil Karl (james.p.karl.civ@mail.mil)
- Kellie Mayfield (kmayfield@gsu.edu)
- Janet Antwi (jaantwi@PVAMU.EDU)

What are the advantages of an RDPG candidacy?

- Get to know RDPG members and officers
- Learn the processes and procedures of the Academy
- Network with Academy staff
- Help develop the future for the RDPG
- Use your strengths to work on projects that benefit RDPG members
- Subsidy for some officers and officials to attend FNCE meetings

Job Descriptions for 2022-2023 RDPG Officer Positions

Officer Position & Term of Duty	**Job Description**
Chair-Elect **3-Year Rotation** Chair-Elect in 2022-2023 Chair in 2023-2024 Past Chair in 2024-2025	• Serve as a voting member of the Executive Committee. • Should have RDPG experience in a previous role as an appointed or elected member. • Perform the functions of the office of Chair in the Chair's absence or when the Chair is unable to perform the functions of the Chair as determined by the Executive Committee. • Appoint the Chairs and members of all standing committees to serve during the Chair-Elect's upcoming term as Chair. • Prepare the Program of Work (POW) with the Treasurer for the term of office as Chair. • Plan, organize, and coordinate educational programs, the RDPG member meeting, and the Executive Committee meeting at the Academy's Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo™ that will occur during the Chair-Elect's term as Chair. • Perform other duties as specified in a current job description as outlined in the RDPG Guiding Principles, or as designated by the Executive Committee. • The full tenure for the Chair-Elect includes a total of three (3) years as Chair-Elect, Chair, and Past Chair in sequence.
Treasurer **2-Year Term** 2022-2024	• Serve as a voting member of the Executive Committee. • Advise the Executive Committee in the preparation of the annual budget of the RDPG. • Serve as a voting member of the Executive Committee. • Approve the collection and disbursement of all monies. • Authorize contracts and service agreements. • Report the annual financial status of the RDPG to DPG members at FNCE and provide quarterly updates in *The Digest*. • Provide updates of financial status at all Executive Committee meetings. • Assist the Chair-Elect with development of the POW. • Perform other duties as specified in a current job description or as designated by the Executive Committee.

Nominating Committee
3-Year Rotation
 	
Member in 2022-2024
Chair in 2024-2025
	• Evaluate, screen, and select candidates for the ballot.
	• Ensure that the nominees meet the formal eligibility requirements of office and are personally and professionally qualified to effectively represent and further the interests of the Academy and the RDPG.
	• Prepare an official ballot annually for these offices:
	  ◦ Chair-Elect,
	  ◦ Secretary in odd years,
	  ◦ Treasurer in even years,
	  ◦ Nominating Committee member, and
	  ◦ HOD Delegate every 3 years.
	• Encourage nominations and voting by the RDPG members.
	• (Chair) serve as a voting member of the Executive Committee.
	• (Chair) notify each candidate for office of the election results.
	• Perform other duties as specified in a current job description as outlined in the RDPG Guiding Principles, or as designated by the Executive Committee.
	• The full tenure for the Nominating Committee member position includes a total of three (3) years as Member (2 years) and Chair (1 year) in sequence.

New RDPG Member Communication Platform

In an effort to better serve our membership, the Research DPG is transitioning to a new member communication platform. The Electronic Mailing List (EML), currently used by less than 25% of RDPG members, will be phased out. The new member communication tool, a Higher Logic Community, is available here. The direct email for EML communications is THEACADEMY-RDPG@ConnectedCommunity.org.

California Walnut Commission - New Funding Opportunity for Early Career Scientists

The California Walnut Commission and the American Heart Association are pleased to announce a new scientific and research initiative to fund early career scientists interested in human clinical or epidemiological projects related to the health benefits of walnut consumption. Here are details:

Career Development Award
Supports highly promising healthcare and academic professionals in the early years of one's first professional appointment, to explore indicative questions or pilot studies that will provide preliminary data and training to assure the applicant's future success as a research scientist in the field of cardiovascular and/or cerebrovascular disease research. Application deadline: DECEMBER 6, 2021. For more information please contact Carol Sloan RDN, FAND, Health Research Director, California Walnut Commission: csloan@walnuts.org or 562-221-9869.

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