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## PPW 2018 “Addressing Malnutrition Through Advocacy”

To help identify Research DPG members with expertise related to this year’s [Public Policy Workshop](#) focus on malnutrition (food security and related topics are included in this broader term), please send the following information to the RDPG Policy and Advocacy Leader (PAL) Brook Harmon ([brookharmon@hotmail.com](mailto:brookharmon@hotmail.com)) by Wednesday, September 12:

- Your Name
- Member number
- Area of Expertise
- State in which you live
- Email address
- Are you attending PPW (yes or no)

If you are not attending, do you have statistics, stories, or issues you think would be helpful for your state policy representative to know before PPW?

## Expertise in Dissemination, Implementation, or Translation Science

The Academy is seeking members with expertise in the areas of disseminating, implementing, and/or translating government recommendations related to nutrition or other public health messages. If you have expertise in these areas, or knowledge of successfully disseminated public health campaigns, please contact the RDPG PAL Brook Harmon ([brookharmon@hotmail.com](mailto:brookharmon@hotmail.com)).

## Expertise or Interest in Commenting on the Following Topics

FDA Modernizing Claims and Standards of Identity (i.e., Standards of Identity related to milk, Healthy claims):

<https://www.fda.gov/food/labelingnutrition/ucm602651.htm#claims>

Labeling of Foods Derived from Genetically Engineered Plants:

<https://www.eatrightpro.org/news-center/on-the-pulse-of-public->

Current handling of supplement labeling (i.e., Nutrition Facts vs Supplement labeling; use of technical terms (ascorbic acid) versus common terms (Vitamin C))

If you have expertise in these areas or would be interested in providing comments on Academy questions related to these areas, please contact the RDPG PAL Brook Harmon ([brookharmon@hotmail.com](mailto:brookharmon@hotmail.com)) as soon as possible.

## Mentorship Program

The RDPG Mentorship Program is a rich benefit to its members. The goal of the program is to formalize a mentoring relationship between junior and senior researchers across the Research DPG.

Last year, mentors identified benefits such as:

- Using knowledge and expertise to help a junior researcher
- Impacting future researchers within the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Meeting a researcher with similar interests and a fresh perspective
- Exploring the possibility of research collaborations
- Giving back to the profession

Mentees identified benefits such as:

- Connecting with an experienced researcher in the field
- Gaining a fresh perspective from someone at a different institution
- Coaching on how to build a lifetime career
- Expanding one's professional network
- Having a level of accountability for one's career goals

Interested in participating in this year's Mentorship Program? Fill out the [Google Form](#) by Friday, **September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018** to get started. Based on survey responses, pairs will be matched in early fall. Each mentor-mentee pair will communicate on a monthly basis via phone or video chat for the duration of the 6-month commitment. Program participation is limited.

For questions, contact Mentorship Chair Whitney Linsenmeyer, PhD, RD, LD at [whitney.linsenmeyer@health.slu.edu](mailto:whitney.linsenmeyer@health.slu.edu)

## Apply now: Submit Your Application for a RDPG Group Award

The RDPG is offering several upcoming award opportunities. Application forms and additional details are available on the RDPG website. All applicants are required to have a 2018-2019 RDPG membership. Questions can be sent to [rdpgawards@gmail.com](mailto:rdpgawards@gmail.com)

**The Sugar Association/Research DPG Member Pilot Grant Award.** This award is a \$10,000 research grant supported by funds generously donated by the Sugar Association. All members are eligible to apply; however, student members must have a research mentor. The application deadline is September 7.

**The Mead Johnson Nutrition/Research Dietetic Practice Group Student Pilot Grant Award.** Two \$1,200 pilot grants will be awarded through funds generously donated by Mead Johnson. All members with student status during the 2018-19 membership year are eligible to apply. Applicants for this award must have a research mentor. The application deadline is September 7.

\*All award winners will be selected by the Research DPG Awards Committee independent of the sponsor and based solely on the criteria found on the Research DPG website.

## Hear the Academy President Speak on Research

Monday October 22 from 6:30-8am

RDPG Member Breakfast

Marriott Marquis

Room: Salon 12-13

901 Massachusetts Ave NW

Washington DC 20001

*Advance Registration Required*

## Registration Now Open: Learn How to Analyze NHANES Data from the Experts at USDA

Saturday, October 20 from 11am 3pm

RDPG Workshop - Using National Dietary Data from What We Eat in America,

NHANES: Building Blocks to Expand Your Research Portfolio

Marriott Marquis

Room: Ballroom 10

901 Massachusetts Ave NW

Washington DC 20001

*Advance Registration Required*

Registration now open: [https://ams.eatright.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?webcode=EventInfo&Site=ACAD2014&Reg\\_evt\\_key=fd03722d-a289-4290-bf6b-086d17d99825&RegPath=EventRegFees](https://ams.eatright.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?webcode=EventInfo&Site=ACAD2014&Reg_evt_key=fd03722d-a289-4290-bf6b-086d17d99825&RegPath=EventRegFees)

## Volunteers Needed for National Awards Committee

We are looking for volunteers to serve on our National Awards Committee. This committee is focused on identifying and facilitating the nomination of RDPG members for annual Academy National Awards

<https://www.eatrightpro.org/leadership/honors-and-awards/national-honors-and-awards>). The more volunteers we have, the more members we can nominate!

Volunteers at all stages of their career, and in all facets of dietetics and nutrition practice are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Joann McDermid at [joann.mcdermid@virginia.edu](mailto:joann.mcdermid@virginia.edu) or speak to me at the RDPG breakfast meeting. Please forward a brief expression of interest to [joann.mcdermid@virginia.edu](mailto:joann.mcdermid@virginia.edu) by October 31.

## Nominations Open for Research DPG Leadership Positions

The Research Dietetic Practice Group (RDPG) is currently seeking nominees for the 2019-2020 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)
- Secretary (2-year term)
- Nominating Committee (3-year rotation)

Please contact a Nominating Committee member *by September 15* to express your interest, or nominate a fellow member:

- Mary-Jon Ludy ([mludy@bgsu.edu](mailto:mludy@bgsu.edu))
- Mary Lesser ([mnrlesser@berkeley.edu](mailto:mnrlesser@berkeley.edu))

- Robin Tucker ([tucker98@msu.edu](mailto:tucker98@msu.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 2019-2020 RDPG Officer Positions

<b>Officer Position &amp; Term of Duty</b>	<b>Job Description</b>
<p><b>Chair-Elect 3-Year Rotation</b></p> <p>Chair-Elect in 2019-2020, Chair in 2020-2021, and Past Chair in 2021-2022.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serve as a voting member of the Executive Committee.</li> <li>• Should have RDPG experience in a previous role as an appointed or elected member.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Appoint the Chairs and members of all standing committees to serve during the Chair-Elect's upcoming term as Chair.</li> <li>• Prepare the Program of Work with the Treasurer for the term of office as Chair.</li> <li>• Plan, organize, and coordinate educational programs, the RDPG member meeting, and the Executive Committee meeting at the Academy's Food &amp; Nutrition Conference &amp; Expo™ that will occur during the Chair-Elect's term as Chair.</li> <li>• Perform other duties as specified in a current job description as outlined in the RDPG Guiding Principles, or as designated by the Executive Committee.</li> <li>• The full tenure for the Chair-Elect includes a total of three (3) years as Chair-Elect, Chair, and Past Chair in sequence.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Secretary 2-Year Term</b></p> <p>2019-2021.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serve as a voting member of the Executive Committee.</li> <li>• Ensure that minutes of meetings of the Executive Committee and of the RDPG membership are recorded, reviewed, and filed in an approved location (location as determined by the DPG – can be virtual or hard copy).</li> <li>• Maintain electronic copies of RDPG historical documents including the minutes of meetings and approved versions of the Guiding Principles and pass these along to the incoming Secretary at the end of the term. RDPG should keep an electronic copy of their minutes for their records.</li> <li>• Conduct correspondence as directed by the RDPG Executive Committee.</li> <li>• Maintain an updated list of RDPG members</li> <li>• Arrange for communications among members and from the Executive Committee to members. For example, eBlasts.</li> <li>• Work with DPG Relations Manager within The Academy on the distribution of the official ballot to members electronically.</li> <li>• Perform other duties as specified in a current job description as outlined in the RDPG Guiding Principles, or as designated by the Executive Committee.</li> </ul>

**Nominating  
Committee  
3-Year Rotation**

Member in 2019-  
2020 and 2020-2021  
and Nominating  
Committee Chair  
during 2021-2022.

- 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.



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