



## Professional Trade Mark First Element in Public Recognition Campaign

The logo design which is being introduced in this issue of *The Insider* is the culmination of two years of development. The process started at the NSDA meeting in Truro, where a survey revealed that most of the members present wanted a new Trade Mark.

The Board put out a design request to the Nova Scotia Community College and the results were brought to the NSDA meeting in Wolfville. Comments were solicited from the members present on the designs which the students had sent. There was no definitive winner. The Board then approached several professional designers, eventually selecting the designer at T & S Printing, where much of our printing is done.

All of the designs were taken to the Board Retreat in September, 2007 where the professional designs were evaluated and the student designs reconsidered. With some modifications, one of the student designs was selected for further development.

The logo design and colours presented here are the outcome of this search. This logo is not meant to be an interpretive symbol, but, rather, a design which is distinctive and can be easily reproduced as the professional trade mark for Dietitians and Nutritionists registered with the NSDA. We hope that you will find this logo appealing for both your own use and that of the NSDA as we move toward broader public recognition of Professional Dietitians and Nutritionists registered in Nova Scotia.

Howard Selig, President  
On behalf of the NSDA Board

## Coming soon!

The website contract has been awarded for the re-development of the site to enable online renewals.

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## **NSDA Supports Interprofessional Collaborative Practice**

NSDA has expressed its support for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (ICP) by becoming a signatory on the Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Position Statement. Members of The Health Professions Regulatory Network in Nova Scotia have collaborated to develop a position statement on ICP. According to the network's terms of reference, the network meets to share best practices, resources, information, and trends in the regulation of health professions, develops a shared understanding of issues that impact on regulatory bodies, and collaborate on potential approaches or legislative changes.

According to the position statement, signatories believe that interprofessional collaboration produces the best health outcomes for individuals and families regardless of the setting and enhances access to health care through health professionals working to their full scope of practice.

A new model of health care delivery, such as ICP, will help to address the demands on health care as a result of a movement to community-based health care, advancements in technology, an informed public and an aging population.

The position statement outlines

- The principles of ICP, such as the focus on the client, use of best practices and evidence-based care, and respect and effective communication among team members.
- The outcomes for the client, health professional, and health care organization.
- Responsibilities of professionals, employers, health care organizations, regulatory bodies, professional associations, accreditation organizations, educational institutions, governments and researchers.

Two members of the NSDA board of directors will attend a conference on November 16<sup>th</sup> entitled *Regulation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Interdisciplinary Team Accountability*. The goals of the conference are to explore the legal and liability issues related to interdisciplinary practice and explore principles for a regulatory framework or model for Nova Scotia interdisciplinary practice.



## Summary of Fall Retreat

The NSDA Board of Directors held a retreat on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for a strategic planning session to set and prioritize goals for the next two years.

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

With six new members joining the NSDA management process and the administrative manager (AM) taking on more hands-on-duties from board members, the retreat was an opportune time to start reviewing and revising the board of directors' terms of reference and the Association's organizational chart.

### FINANCES

With an AM now in place, the treasurer's role will change with the restructuring of finance activities. The AM will take on added responsibilities related to financial operations of the Association, with safeguards in place as recommended by the Association's chartered accountant. The treasurer will continue to review financial transactions and authorize expenditures.

NSDA's financial status was defined. An increase in membership fees is required. A motion and vote for a fee increase in 2009/10 must take place at the Spring AGM. An information package will be developed for the membership to illustrate where your fees are currently allocated and account for the proposed increase.

### CONTINUING COMPETENCY

Another 25 percent of the members' Continuing Development Tools (CDT) will be audited this year. General feedback for membership will be reported in the January newsletter. After this year's audit, half of the members' CDTs will have been reviewed; the remaining CDTs will be audited over the next two years. After this year's audit, members who have had difficulty completing the CDT will receive individualized feedback. The Registration and Quality Assurance Committees will collaborate to review and revise the CDT by February 2009.

### NSDA PROFILE

The NSDA logo, website, poster, and brochure will be developed with a consistent appearance. A poster illustrating the roles of NSDA, DC, and Alliance will be developed for dietetic interns and NSDA members. The brochure will be developed to target the public.

## NSDA Works on Your Behalf

***The Professional Dietitians Act protects the public by ensuring that only properly qualified dietitians/nutritionists are licensed and entitled to use the title.***

In the past year, NSDA has responded to incidents related to the restricted use of our professional title. The *Professional Dietitians Act* protects the public by ensuring that only properly qualified dietitians/nutritionists are licensed and authorized to use the title. The Act enables the public to recognize those qualified providers by the use of a distinct and protected title or professional designation.

According to Section 12(2) of the *Professional Dietitians Act*, a person not licensed under the Act may not use the titles or designations Dietitian or Nutritionist or the initials P.Dt. This section of the Act applies to a person who may be qualified to be licensed, but has not registered with NSDA, for example a retired dietitian or a dietitian who moved to Nova Scotia from another province. This section also applies to a person who uses the title, but does not have the required training and is not qualified to register with NSDA.

The process NSDA implements once it is aware that others are using the protected title is as follows. NSDA informs the individual that he is in violation of the Act, sends a membership application form and Section 12 of the Act. If the individual does not comply within 14 days of receiving notice of violation, the employer is contacted. If the individual remains in violation of the Act 14 days after the employer has received notice of violation, the Association has the right to have charges brought against the individual as per Section 12(3) of the Act:

Any person who violates subsection (2) or in any way represents that that person is a professional dietitian or who by false and fraudulent declaration attempts to procure registration under this Act, is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months.

If any member is aware of a situation that NSDA should review or address, please contact Jennifer Garus, Administrative Manager.



A joint meeting of the Registration and Quality Assurance Committees is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> at MSVU.

Attend by conference call or face-to-face. Contact Jennifer Garus, Administrative Manager to attend.

## NSDA Membership Update (July 2007 – October 2007)

### New Members:

Darcie Morash (3/07)	#1045
Lisa Slauenwhite	#1060
Alanna Chambers	#1061
Melissa Rossiter	#1062
Norma MacKinnon	#1063
Tina Swinamer	#1064

### Temporary Members:

Brenna Lea MacEachern	TM#162
Mariah Nelson	TM#163
Sarah Arsenault	TM#164
Jennifer Bowser	TM#165
Corinne Porter	TM#166
Elizabeth Reid	TM#167
Stephanie Hefford	TM#168
Laura Carroll	TM#169
Mary Ellen Cooke	TM#170
Stephanie MacNeil	TM#171
Laura Kingston	TM#172
Darlene Manning	TM#173
Carla Tobin	TM#174
Tristaca Caldwell	TM#175

### Forfeitures :

Diana Dibblee (3/07)	#1007
Pamela Widmeyer (3/07)	#511

### Resigned in Good Standing (31/03/07):

Florence Pinard (3/07)	#355
Ann Sullivan (3/07)	#418
Margaret Young (3/07)	#988
Andrea Smith	#965
Jane Jensen	#617
Carla Reid	#900

NSDA has a legal requirement to maintain a current register of member information. By regulation, members are required to inform NSDA, in writing and within 30 days, of a change in name, contact information or employment status.

## CDRE Update

Fourteen temporary members are scheduled to write the Fall Canadian Dietetic Examination (CDRE) on November 17, 2007 at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax.

The Spring 2008 examination is scheduled for May 10th.

For information on how to apply, please contact Jennifer Garus, Administrative Manager.

## Seeking Suggestions

NSDA is seeking suggestions for presentation topics and speakers for the Spring AGM. Please contact NSDA with your suggestions.





### NSDA Board of Directors 2007-08

President -----	Howard Selig
President Elect -----	Jennifer Hutchinson
Vice President -----	Darlene Bogers
Treasurer -----	Jane Pryor
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Member at Large -----	Cathy Lockerbie-Forrester
Member at Large -----	Pascale Love
Member at Large -----	Judy Lowe
Administrative Manager (Ex Officio Member) ---	Jennifer Garus

Welcome Darlene Bogers! Darlene joined the NSDA Board in September 2007, as Vice President.

### 2007 Board Meetings

Board meetings are open to members and the public.

Meetings are scheduled for:  
Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> (4 pm)  
Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> (4 pm)

Please contact Jennifer Garus, Administrative Manager if you plan to attend.

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