

NSDA BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 2011



2011 Education day & Annual General Meeting

Friday, May 13, 2011

Future Inns Hotel & Conference Centre
30 Fairfax Drive, Halifax (near Bayers Lake Park)

-- SAVE THE DATE --

DETAILS COMING SOON

Opportunities on the 2011 - 2013 Board of Directors

Secretary

Registrar

Members at large (4 vacancies)

Please use the attached Nomination Agreement Form (page 4) to nominate a colleague or commit yourself to a two-year term with the NSDA board of directors. The deadline for nominations is April 8, 2011. The position descriptions are posted on the NSDA website under About NSDA / Board of Directors.

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Volunteer with NSDA

Q. What are the benefits of becoming a director on the Board?

As the Association transitions to a college model and as board development remains a priority, assuming a role on the Board is sure to be an interesting opportunity.

Participation on the Board

- is an opportunity to contribute to the leadership and decision-making that regulates the profession
- offers an excellent opportunity to learn about professional self-regulation
- enables getting to know dietitians in a variety of practice areas from around the province
- facilitates the practice of competencies not normally performed in your area of practice
- adds professional experience to your resume.

Q. **I've never been on a board of directors. What would I have to offer?**

Varying experiences and perspectives contribute to worthwhile discussion and effective decision-making on any board. An orientation session presents an overview of self-regulation, board meeting procedures, and governance documents.

Q. What is the time commitment to be a director on the Board?

Typically, directors can expect to attend

- monthly meetings by conference call or in-person at the NSDA office (Bedford). Meetings take place from 4-6 p.m. once each month from October until June.
- one to two in-person retreats throughout the year (held on a Friday evening and Saturday)
- an in-person meeting the evening prior to the annual general meeting
- the annual general meeting.

Please contact Jennifer Garus at (902) 835-0253 if you have any questions

2011 License renewal

Renewal forms were mailed to members early in February. If you did not receive a renewal form, please contact NSDA or use the online renewal form.

You have the option to renew online. Your individualized username and password to access the members-only side of the NSDA website is printed on your renewal form. Renewal Guidelines are posted on the NSDA website.

The Continuing Development Self-Directed Learning Tool (CDT) will not be mailed to members. The workbook and submission forms are accessible on the NSDA website. Contact NSDA to request a hard copy. Mail or email the submission forms; please do not fax due to poor legibility. To email your CDT submission forms, complete the submission forms online, print or save a copy for your records, attach the document to an email, and send to nsda@ns.alianzinc.ca. You will receive confirmation of receipt within 24 hours.

The complete renewal package consists of the renewal form, CDT submission forms (completed in entirety), and renewal fee. To avoid a late penalty fee, the complete renewal package must be received by March 31, 2011.

Policy: IX- 40: Extension of CDT Submission due to Illness

If a member is unable to submit their CDT in entirety by March 31 due to personal or family illness, the member must request an extension in writing with supporting **evidence/documentation from a physician by March 31. The member's license will be renewed** and an extension will be granted upon approval by the registrar and/or Registration Committee. If the extension is not approved, the complete CDT must be submitted by April 30 or Policy V-40 will apply for late renewal. If extension is granted, a complete CDT submission is required by September 30.

Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination Spring Exam

Date: Saturday, May 14, 2011

Application Deadline for Temporary Membership:
March 18, 2011

Exam Fee Deadline: April 11, 2011

Location: Mount Saint Vincent University





NSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOMINATION AGREEMENT FORM

I, _____, agree to allow my name to stand for the NSDA board of director position of _____ for the 2011-2013 term.

The following three NSDA members, in good standing, support my nomination.

1. _____
Signature NSDA Registration Number

2. _____
Signature NSDA Registration Number

3. _____
Signature NSDA Registration Number

Signature of Candidate NSDA Registration Number

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