

**The Association of State Public Health Nutritionists
Biographical Sketch of Candidates for 2016 Election**

Candidate for the office of: President-Elect

Name: Takako Tagami

Credentials: MS, MBA, RD, LD

Title: Nutrition Specialist

State Agency: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

ASTPHND Activities:

- Fundraising Committee Chair (2014-Present)
- Treasurer (2010–2014)
- Student Scholarship Committee Chair (2011-2014)
- Administration and Finance Committee Member (2010-2014)
- Annual Meeting Planning Committee Member (2013-Present)
- Reserve Funds Workgroup Member (2013-2014)
- Collaboration Committee Member (2011–2012)



Briefly describe why you are interested in filling this position:

I strongly support the ASPHNS mission! Developing leaders in public health nutrition is crucial in order to strengthen policy and programs. I fully support and assist in the ASPHN strategic plan to meet our mission, vision and goals. In addition to the grant projects, I would like to support the following activities:

1. To expand the ASPHN leadership program.
2. To establish and stabilize the ASPHN Scholarship Program(s) for graduate students in public health nutrition.
3. To develop fundraising activities.
4. To update and market “The Moving To The Future Program.”
5. To make ASPHN active, visible and participative.

Other Related Activities (Professional and/or Personal):

- I have successfully served in the following positions at the Public Health/Community Nutrition Practice Group, Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics:
 - Past Chair (2013-2014)
 - Chair (2012-2013)
 - Chair Elect (2011-2012)
 - Treasurer (2009-2011)
 - Secretary (2009)
 - Networking & Alliance Committee Chair (2004-2008)
 - Mothers’ Room Project (Breastfeeding Room) Coordinator (2005 & 2013)
- I have been the co-chair of a local community nutrition education program since 1996. My colleague and I provide nutrition classes to promote the importance of cooking healthy snack/meals as a family activity (6-7 classes/year) in collaboration with the University of Missouri Dietetics program, Columbia Public Library and KBIA Radio Station (an affiliate of NPR).