

BOARD REPORT – MOTION

Board Meeting Month/Year: September 2017

Committee/Liaison/Member: National Fruit & Vegetable Alliance (NFVA) Liaison

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Date Prepared: August 30, 2017

Do any ASPHN Board members, committee members, or consultants have a financial interest in this motion? If yes, list the interested person(s) and disclose all material facts.

PROPOSED MOTION:

This motion will need a first and second from Board members before going into debate/discussion of the motion.

Approve up to \$500.00 of unrestricted funds to support travel for Mary Ann Ellsworth to attend the in-person meeting of the NFVA scheduled for November 3, 2017.

Please note that ASPHN will use CDC cooperative agreement funds if available before using unrestricted funds. The motion is to spend unrestricted funds in case grant funds are not available.

BACKGROUND:

Since the Fruit & Vegetable Nutrition Council has existed (10+ years), ASPHN has had at least one representative at the in-person NFVA meeting. In the early years, the council chair and the consultant supporting the council represented ASPHN. More recently, the Fruit & Vegetable Nutrition Council and the Collaboration Committee decided it was best to have one person serving as the liaison to the NFVA. Mary Ann Ellsworth is the ASPHN Liaison to the NFVA, and she has represented ASPHN at the annual in-person meeting for the past two years.

As of June 30, 2017 ASPHN has \$300,597.04 in unrestricted funds.

The meeting will be held in Washington DC at the American Heart Association, 1150 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 300. There is no registration cost for the meeting, meals are provided. The meeting is being hosted by The American Heart Association.

Travel costs for Mary Ann would include train travel from Philadelphia, Pa to Washington, DC and ground travel by metro. One night hotel cost is requested. The estimated total travel cost will not exceed \$500.00 for Mary Ann Ellsworth.

Justification: The collaboration between NFVA and ASPHN, including the Fruit and Vegetable Council, continues to provide value to public health nutritionists working to increase both access and consumption of fruits and vegetables. Co-leaders of the group include the Produce for Better Health Foundation (PBH) and the American Heart Association who are actively engaged and provide data, training opportunities, and create opportunities for communication.

The Produce for Better Health Foundation and the American Heart Association are scheduled as speakers for the September 2017 Quarterly Conference call of the Fruit and Vegetable Council.

It is important that ASPHN be represented at this strategic planning meeting due to transition in leadership following the retirement of Elizabeth Pivonka and Lorelei Disorgra
Other NFVA members include NANA who help guide the work of the Policy Committee on issues which are of interest to the overall ASPHN membership and in particular to the Fruit and Vegetable Council.

In addition to this in-person meeting, NFVA members, including the Collaboration Committee Liaison are engaged through regularly scheduled conference calls approximately every 6 weeks.

