

Call for Nominations: Association of State Public Health Nutritionists Seeks Leaders

It is never too early to start thinking about the future. This is a call for nominations for the 2019 election! The ASPHN Governance Committee is seeking members to lead us into the next decade.

Please view [the descriptions of board positions](#) for which we are recruiting. Contact a committee member (listed below) if you are interested, want to nominate someone, or just have questions.

The election occurs in March and position terms begin August 1.

Why hold an ASPHN elected position? To maximize your membership benefits in a collaborative environment and . . .

- Strengthen your leadership skills through leadership training and working with seasoned leaders.
- Be part of a network of states to offer a collective voice.
- Interact with a variety of professionals working with different public health programs and having different professional experiences.
- Access educational workshops and webinars to be on the pulse of emerging public health nutrition practices and strategies.
- Work side by side with state and national partners to advance key nutrition and public policies and programs.
- Network with colleagues and state and national nutrition leaders.

Positions to be elected:

- President-Elect (requires previous experience on the Board of Directors)
 - 1 year term followed by 1 year as president and 1 year as immediate past president
- Secretary
 - 2 year term
- Director at Large (2 positions)
 - 2 year term
- Chair-elect, MCH Nutrition council
 - 1 year term followed by one year as Chair and one year as Governance Committee member
- Chair-elect, Fruit and Vegetable Nutrition Council
 - 1 year term, followed by one year as Chair and one year as Governance Committee member
- Chair-elect, Obesity Prevention Nutrition Council
 - 1 year term followed by one year as Chair and one year as council past chair on the Governance Committee member
- Governance Committee members (3 positions)
 - 1 year term (non-board position)

Qualifications: State Designee or Expanded member in good standing (state dues paid). Associate members in good standing are eligible to serve as chair-elect or chair of the Obesity Prevention Nutrition Council, the MCH Nutrition Council and the Fruit and Vegetable Nutrition Council, but are not eligible for other elected positions.

Benefits to State Agencies: Staff members active in ASPHN results in...

- Great opportunities for leadership training.
- State visibility to national leaders.
- Knowledge of what other states are doing, how they are doing it, and learning opportunities to apply other state's programs and experiences in your state.

- Exposure to new resources.

ASPHN elected leaders reflect on the benefits from involvement on the Board of Directors:

- Networking – “The contacts I’ve made and interactions I’ve had with others provide opportunity to share ideas, mentor each other, learn together, and collaborate with partners across the country.”
- Leadership – “The opportunity to strengthen leadership skills has translated to work in my state, including collaboration and application of leadership/management principles in a supportive environment.”
- Learning – “ASPHN leadership is an invaluable resource and growth opportunity to enhance skills, knowledge and networking with peers to enhance public health nutrition in our states. I’ve received training at annual and mid-year meetings, and increased confidence and job esteem in public health nutrition.”
- Make a difference – “ASPHN leadership is an opportunity for national level involvement in developing nutrition policy, to truly make a difference in the profession and have an impact on public health nutrition across the country. Involvement is an opportunity to advocate and shape legislation.”
- Collaboration – “ASPHN leadership is an opportunity to collaborate with public health nutritionists in other states and organizations to strengthen successful outcomes in public health.”

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