

**BOARD REPORT - MOTION**  
**Association of State Public Health Nutritionists**

**Board Meeting Month/Year:** July 2020

**Committee/Liaison/Member:** Collaboration Committee

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*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:**

*These motions are coming from the Collaboration Committee, so the Board will go directly into debate/discussion of the motions.*

Motion:

To approve the Appalachian State University (ASU) - Nutrition and Health Care Management, Beaver College of Health Sciences, as a new ASPHN Partner.

Note: The motion for a partnership with ASU is currently limited to a specific/defined project as indicated below. Please review the complete Potential Partnership Review Form (submitted with this motion) for more details.

**BACKGROUND:**

ASPHN and students from ASU have worked together in various ways over the last several years. During the last 2 years, ASPHN Past President, Takako Tagami, has worked with ASPHN members and ASPHN consultants to conduct joint-webinars with ASU students to promote ASPHN and expose students to various aspects of public health nutrition work represented thereof.

These webinars/seminars are conducted 1 – 2 times/year by ASPHN members/consultants for student class credit and work. In Feb. 2020, ASU also provided the opportunity for ASPHN to present this same information to Southwestern University Consortium: Hunger, Poverty and Nutrition.

Before each webinar, Takako Tagami submitted a request to the Board for permission to conduct these webinars. If the current motion is approved, prior approval to conduct these webinars and other *related* venues of interaction/promotion between ASU and ASPHN would not be required.

The Collaboration Committee discussed the Potential Partnership Reviews for both organizations on June 26<sup>th</sup>, and voted unanimously to accept as a new ASPHN Partner.

**ISSUES:**

PROS

Both organizations have considerable alignment with ASPHN.

This partnership-project can inform and contribute to ASPHN's goals and priorities. It could also open the door to future work with ASU students, and students from other universities, in a more formalized manner.

The table below was included in the Potential Partnership Review document, submitted by Takako and Dr. Barth. (Please review the Potential Partnership Reviews, included with this motion, for more details.)

Purposes of This Partnership	Outcomes
To promote ASPHN.	Increased users of ASPHN website
To recruit engaged members	Increased memberships
To understand what ASPHN does better	Increased knowledge of the organization
To learn what/how University students (On-line and working students) are learning nutrition and health and earning a MPH degree	Increased knowledge of the MS Nutrition, concentration in Public Health Nutrition program
To improve presentation skills.	Improved presentation skills
To improve skills for developing a power point presentation.	Improved skills to develop an effective PowerPoint presentation
To get familiar with a web-based presentation (technology) and improve skills.	Gained technology skills and knowledge

## CONS

No specific CONS were identified.

However, as indicated in the Review document, additional time would be required (of a member or consultant) to provide requested data/information for the webinars. To-date, no additional contract time for a consultant has been negotiated. However, this doesn't need to be a barrier to approving this motion. During a discussion with Takako, she revealed that the intent behind specifically asking for a consultant is due to consistency of knowledge about ASPHN.

- *“It may take 2-3 hours per webinar for an ASPHN leader or a consultant to put updated information/highlights together.”*

**NEXT STEPS:** With approval of the Board, the Collaboration Committee will seek to confirm Takako Tagami, and M. Margaret Barth, as ASPHN Liaisons to represent these organizations.