

**The Association of State Public Health Nutritionists
Biographical Sketch of Candidates for 2026 Election**

Candidate for the office of: President-Elect

Name: Steven Ortiz

Credentials: MS, RDN

Title: Division Manager of Nutrition and Vital Records

Agency: Pinal County, AZ



ASPHN Activities:

- MCH Nutrition Council DEI Coordinator
- MCH Nutrition Council Chair Elect, Chair and, Past Chair

Briefly describe why you are interested in filling this position:

- Since becoming a Registered Dietitian and engaging with the broader public health nutrition community, I have been inspired by many accomplished public health nutritionists. I admire their years of dedication and progressive projects, which have significantly contributed to the field of public health nutrition that I am now part of. My goal is to continue their legacy by upholding their original ideals. I aim to collaborate with my colleagues at ASPHN to identify strategies that will help the organization thrive. This includes recruiting young professionals, supporting seasoned professionals, and exploring future resource opportunities. I am beyond excited to be considered for this opportunity and continue to build relationships within ASPHN.

Other Related Activities (professional and/or personal):

- I live in Arizona with my wife Roxanna and our little family. I am a father to two kiddos, a pup, and several plants.