

AODA Annual General Meeting

27 March 2004

Cyprus

The Annual General Meeting of the American Overseas Dietetic Association (AODA) was held on Thursday March 27, 2004 at 5:00PM at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Nicosia, Cyprus. The president, Tina Papoutsakis chaired the meeting with Adrienne LaPointe as appointed Recording Secretary for this meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were distributed but not read and were approved by majority decision without corrections.

AODA update

Financial Report: The Treasurer, Dorothy Strack-Hankey reviewed the financial report and announced that AODA has 40,000 Euros plus 36,000 USD in the bank. The Silent Auction income estimated at 1000 USD meets our target for the ADAF 21st Century Club.

Newsletter: Pat Kramer has revised the newsletter format with the next issue to be distributed in April. She requests member input for a new newsletter name. The newsletter has been online for a year with members experiencing problems downloading it from the website. Efforts will continue to improve access to the online newsletter. Due to cost, we can only return to sending hard copies to the membership if we find sponsors for printing and mailing the newsletter.

Membership: AODA currently has 500 members and 70% of new members are in the ADA international members' category. The online membership directory will be updated and a CD-ROM provided to all members annually pending sponsorship.

Nominating Committee: Editha Heberlein, Nominating Committee Chair, summarized vacant positions within AODA. Please contact her for further information.

Report from the Delegate: Naomi Trostler, HOD Delegate, summarized recent HOD activities including reviews on the DTR role in the profession and Dietetic Education and the future. Members are encouraged to review 5 documents ADA recently released on Education. The HOD is maximizing the use of electronic communication and decreasing face-to-face meeting time.

Membership Survey & Strategic Plan: Summary will be in the summer newsletter issue. Survey response was excellent (114 completed) and the information will be used to identify member needs, plan future conferences and tweak the Strategic Plan.

Annual Conference: 70% of members have never attended an AODA annual conference. BOD has decided a more cost-effective way to provide members with CEU's and networking opportunities would be to have an annual conference every-other-year and encourage regional symposiums during non-conference years. Staci Crawford and Cam Rising are planning the 2006 conference in Ireland.

ICDA Update: AODA will be displaying posters on the IDN program at the ADA booth. AODA presenting at The IDCA conference include the IDN for Malaysia and Naomi Trostler. AODA members attending will receive an AODA lapel pin and are invited to a social event; please contact Pat Anthony for details.

ADA Update: ADA CEO, President and President-Elect presented. ADA activities include: successfully sponsored the Leadership institute for affiliate and DPG's presidents and designated ADA staff; now provides the ADA Times, an award winning publication, in print version and online; will participate in the Nutrition News Forecast (composed of 29 Natl spokespeople and editors of major publications) to discuss trends in nutrition education to the public. Last year, ADA re-launched its' redesigned website with improved search engine and updated members-only information. A

revised Pediatric and general Diet manual and will be available at ICD in May. A website edition, licensed for one year (renewable, with updates throughout the year) is being developed. By 2009 all Medicare-based programs must provide evidence that they are justified. There is, currently, not enough outcome-based research that Nutrition MNT works and changing this must be a member priority. Last year was the 1st time, in 5 years, that ADA was financially in the black however, this year the International category dues will not be increased.

AODA 2003-2004 Plans: The AODA President Elect, Staci Crawford, presented her vision for the future of AODA which include improving member benefits, Website utilization, and newsletter content. Please give the BOD feedback on AODA activities, write articles, or volunteer in the organization.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment: The President congratulated the FY 2003-2004 Leadership Team for a successful association business year and introduced the incoming BOD for FY 2003-2004 who take office June 1.

The meeting adjourned at 18:50. **Submitted:** Adrienne Lapointe RD (Recording Secretary)

2. Financial Update	40,000 Euros plus 36,000 USD in the bank.
	136 registrants to conference
	~\$1000 estimated income from the Silent Auction, we will more than meet our target for the ADAF 21st Century Club.
3. Newsletter	Pat Kramer's first issue of the newsletter is almost complete and will be ready in April.
	We need a name! Help us name the newsletter and win a prize!
	Problems: The newsletter has been online for a year now, and there have been some problems downloading it from the website. For the future, we will continue to put the newsletter online, but will continue to offer it in a print version to anyone who wants one. We are seeking sponsorship to provide the printed newsletter to everyone
	Pat would appreciate your ideas and suggestions to make the newsletter even better. Please review the copy being passed around and make suggestions to Ellen Edwards.
4. IDN Program	Any questions, ask Stacia
	ICDA. ADA has offered us space in their booth at the conference, and we will be displaying a poster on the IDN program. Our IDN for Malaysia will be speaking @ ICDA, as well as Naomi Trostler. We will be having a social event that all AODA members will be invited to, details to follow. Please let Pat Anthony know if you are attending. There will be AODA lapel pins for anyone that attends.
4. Membership	Currently ~500 members. 70% of the new membership this year is from the ADA international category, with AODA as their affiliate.
	Membership directory: Web version is last year's info. Ronnie Danko to update the online version quarterly in the future. Will provide a CD-ROM to all members once per year if we can find funding.
5. Member survey and strategic plan	Sent out in Nov/Dec 2003. Great response rate compared to previous surveys – 114 filled out. We intend to use the info! Findings will help with planning future conferences, member needs, and tweaking our Strategic plan. We may be contacting you based on your responses and willingness to get involved! Thank you for participating. Will be included in the next newsletter (summer).
6. Nominating Committee	Positions needed next year: President Treasurer Nominating Committee Chair Fundraising Awards Website Editor (not technical)
	Thanks to everyone who has given Editha leads for potential volunteers.
	We want to get people involved! We want people doing what they do best. If you have an idea for a project, or want to get involved, let us know!
6. HOD report	DTR role in the profession.
	Dietetic Education & needs for the future.
	Much of the discussion is electronic, so meetings are much shorter. Meetings only 1 day, before FNCE.
	Task forces: 5 documents released re: Education
	Topics for ICD meeting: Meeting the challenge for the changing US culture, processes of the HOD.

7. ADA Update	CEO, President and President-Elect present.
	Leadership institute – 1 st time, would like to do again next year and increase participation. This year was presidents of affiliates, DPG's, ADA staff, etc.
	ADA Times – 1 st year (resurrection of the Courier). Back in print version, also available online. Has received 1 (maybe 2) Nat'l award.
	Nutrition News Forecast – 29 National spokespeople + editors of major publications to discuss trends in nutrition ed to the public. 1 st year to be held.
	ICD – in Chicago, co-hosted by ADA & Dietitians of Canada. Great program. 2008 Tokyo, 2012 Sydney.
	Website redesign – re-launched last year, search engine very good. Putting some members-only info on the consumer part (in plain English).
	Revamping the Diet manual and Pediatrics Diet manual. Last one 2000, new one being developed by the web-based edition. Licensed for one year, renewable, with updates added throughout the year. Will be debuted @ ICD in May.
	Communities of interest. HOD currently, will soon have more. Would like to get AODA involved early on.
	\$ sound. Last year was 1 st time in 5 years we were in the black.
	By 2009, all medicare-based programs must provide evidence that they are justifiably significant. Currently, there is not enough outcome-based research that Nutrition MNT works. We need to prove this!
	International category dues will not increase this year.
8. AODA in the future	70% of our members have never been to an AODA meeting. We will now have an every-other-year AODA meeting, encouraging local symposiums in other years. Will be more cost-effective, provide CEU's, and networking. Anyone can be involved in planning regional get-togethers.
	2005 we want to improve member benefits. Website and newsletter. Give us feedback. Write articles! Website is a bit outdated – please email Staci with comments, suggestions, etc.
	2006 conference will be in Ireland. Staci and Cam are already in the planning stages.
	Introduction of new BOD/LT members
9. Closing	Give us your ideas!