

ASN Policy News
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ASN Seeks Nominations for Dietary Guidelines Committee

ASN seeks the names of highly qualified nutrition scientists to consider for nomination to the 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC), including individuals who have previously served. Although the request for nominations has not been made publicly available at this time, the Federal Register intent to establish the 2020 DGAC will likely be published mid-spring or early summer.

Expertise will likely be sought in categories similar to years past: *behavioral health and psychology; chronic disease prevention (e.g. obesity, type 2 diabetes, CVD, osteoporosis); energy balance/physical activity; epidemiology; food science/safety/technology; general medicine; maternal, perinatal, and pediatric nutrition; gerontology; nutrient bioavailability/biochemistry/physiology; nutrition education; public health; and evidence review methodology*. Suggested individuals should be: knowledgeable of current scientific nutrition research; respected and published experts in their field; familiar with the Guidelines; and have demonstrated interest in public health through research and/or education.

Please send [Sarah D. Ohlhorst](#), MS, RD, Senior Director of Advocacy and Science Policy, the names of qualified individuals for ASN consideration.

Congressman Visits USDA Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center

On May 1st U.S. Representative Anthony Brown (MD-D) toured the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, in Maryland. Brown and staff and members of U.S. Senator Ben Cardin's (MD-D) staff joined ASN and Center staff, including ASN members Dr. Naomi Fukagawa, Center Director, and Dr. David Baer, Food Components and Health Laboratory research leader, and others on a tour of the laboratory including their Human Study Unit. An hour-long windshield tour of the 6,500-acre facility was an opportunity to provide an overview of the important research supported and conducted by the USDA.

ASN Farm Bill Advocacy

The American Society for Nutrition partnered with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior, and the Food Trust to host a Hill Day on **Tuesday, April 24th** in Washington, D.C. 42 participants met with nearly 40 Congressional offices to advocate for nutrition research and nutrition education in the 2018 Farm Bill.

ASN also hosted a webinar [Farm Bill and Beyond: Advocating for Nutrition and Research](#) on Tuesday, April 10 at 1:00pm Eastern. This webinar provides an overview of the 2018 Farm Bill, including the nutrition-related elements of the Farm Bill, and reviews the overall importance and impact of advocacy for nutrition and research, providing advocacy best practices and approaches to overcome challenges. Speakers included Drs. Cathie Woteki and Lauren Au, Jerold Mandel, and Tamara Fucile. View this webinar [online](#) now!