

ASN Policy News
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CDC Seeks Experts in Diet and Nutrition for LEPAC

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is [soliciting nominations](#) for membership on the Lead Exposure and Prevention Advisory Committee (LEPAC). The LEPAC consists of 15 Federal and non-Federal experts in fields associated with lead screening, the prevention of lead exposure, and services for individuals and communities affected by lead exposure.

Nominations are being sought for individuals who have expertise and qualifications necessary to contribute to the accomplishment of the committee's objectives in the fields of diet and nutrition, epidemiology, toxicology, mental health, pediatrics, early childhood education, special education, and environmental health. Members may be invited to serve for three-year terms. Selection of members is based on candidates' qualifications to contribute to the accomplishment of LEPAC objectives. Nominations for membership on the LEPAC must be sent to CDC no later than April 15, 2018. For nomination consideration by ASN, please send your name, qualifications, and CV to ASN **by Thursday, April 12.**

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 (sohlhorst@nutrition.org), the names of qualified individuals for ASN consideration.

ASN Nutrition Research Advocacy Day

The American Society for Nutrition is partnering 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. We encourage all interested ASN members to participate! Participants will meet with congressional offices between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm to advocate for nutrition research and nutrition education in the 2018 Farm Bill.

The more the merrier—and more the congressional offices we can meet with to help them learn about the importance of nutrition research! [Register today to join us!](#) Please also [register for the prep webinar](#) on Friday, April 13th at 2:00 pm Eastern to prepare all participants for the day of action. Registration closes by Tuesday, April 10th. Please contact [Sarah Ohlhorst](#), MS, RD, ASN Senior Director of Advocacy and Science Policy, with any questions. Please contact [Tenásha Williams-Ebrahimkhel](#) with any questions regarding registration.

ASN 2018 Farm Bill Webinar

Register now for the ASN webinar [Farm Bill and Beyond: Advocating for Nutrition and Research](#), which will be held on **Tuesday, April 10 at 1:00pm Eastern!** This webinar aims to inform ASN members about the 2018 Farm

Bill and its impact on nutrition-related work and research. This webinar will provide an overview of how the Farm Bill is crafted, explore the nutrition-related elements of the Farm Bill, and review the overall importance and impact of advocacy for nutrition and research, as well as provide insight to advocacy best practices and approaches to overcome challenges. Speakers include Drs. Cathie Woteki and Lauren Au, Jerold Mande, and Tamara Fucile.