

# HOD Fact Sheet

House of Delegates

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## Outcomes of the Spring 2009 Virtual Meeting

For its 81<sup>st</sup> meeting, the House of Delegates conducted a historic first virtual meeting on May 2-3, 2009. The HOD discussed the following issues: 1) Prevention of Childhood Obesity; and, the HOD Leadership Proposal-Incorporating an Inclusive Practice Perspective in the House of Delegates. Reports on the current activities of the Association, the financial status of the ADA, current initiatives of the ADA Foundation and the status of the DPG/PID Family Structure Project were provided on April 22 and 24, 2009. To access these reports, please use the following link: [http://drop.io/ada\\_updates\\_to\\_hod](http://drop.io/ada_updates_to_hod).

### What are the Outcomes of the Spring 2009 HOD Meeting?

- **Prevention of Childhood Obesity:** The HOD approved the formation of a practice coalition to determine an integrated action plan for RDs/DTRs, ADA and ADA organizational units based on the extensive input provided during the dialogue session. The Speaker (Ethan Bergman) will solicit the names of potential members to serve on the Practice Coalition from HOD, DPGs, MIGs and affiliates. In consultation with the HOD Leadership Team, the Speaker will appoint the members to serve on the Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition. A charge for the Coalition will be developed by the Speaker and shared with the House of Delegates. Watch for an upcoming Speaker Message in mid June requesting the names of members to serve on the Coalition.
- **HOD Leadership Proposal-Incorporating an Inclusive Practice Perspective in the House of Delegates:** Delegates approved transitioning from the Professional Issues Delegates to DPG delegates to be the voice of practice in the HOD. The Speaker will notify the 2009-2010 chairs of the DPGs regarding the approval of the DPG delegates as members of the House of Delegates and the next steps. A webinar will be conducted by the HOD Leadership Team for DPG leaders in July or August 2009. The webinar will provide an overview of the role of the House of Delegates, its functions and the transition plan for the seating of DPG delegates as of June 1, 2010. A series of policies, procedures and job descriptions will be provided to DPG leaders to assist in the implementation of DPG delegates. The Nominating Committee will be notified of the action and the implementation plan.

### What are the Results of the ADA Bylaws Amendments Presented in Spring 2009?

- **ADA Bylaws Amendment-Tenure of the HOD Directors**  
The HOD approved changing the tenure of the HOD Directors from 2 years to 3 years. The ADA Bylaws will be updated to reflect the amendment approved. The Nominating Committee will be notified of the action taken and the next steps for implementing the amendment as of June 1, 2010.

- **ADA Bylaws Amendment-Tenure for CDR Newly Credentialed Practitioner**  
The HOD approved changing the tenure of the CDR newly credentialed practitioner from 1 year to 2 years. The ADA Bylaws will be updated to reflect the amendment approved. CDR will be notified of the action taken and will implement the change as of June 1, 2010.

### **What is the Outcome of the Vote on the Updated ADA/CDR Code of Ethics for the Profession of Dietetics?**

The 2009 Code has been approved by the House of Delegates, the ADA Board of Directors and the Commission on Dietetic Registration. The Code will be published in the August 2009 *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*. CDR will notify all credentialed practitioners of the new Code in a late summer mailing. ADA and CDR's Web sites will contain the new Code, which will be in effect as of January 1, 2010. A variety of new educational materials will be provided to ADA members and CDR credentialed practitioners during 2009-2010 in order to increase their understanding and utilization of the new Code.

### **When is the Next HOD Meeting?**

The next meeting of the House of Delegates is scheduled for Friday, October 16 (8:00 am – 5:00 pm) and Saturday, October 17 (8:00 am -12:00 noon) in Denver, CO. The dialogue topics for this HOD Meeting are:

- 1) Healthcare reform, future role of the RD and the use of Primary Care Medical Home(s)\*;
- 2) Application of evidenced-based practice to all areas of dietetics.

### **FCP Governance Contact Information**

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*\* A Primary Care Medical Home (PCMH) is not a house, hospital or other building and should not be confused with home-health or home-care. The PCMH is a model for care provided by physician practices that seeks to strengthen the physician-patient relationship by replacing episodic care based on illnesses and patient complaints with coordinated care and a long-term healing relationship. Each patient has an ongoing relationship with a personal physician who leads a team that takes collective responsibility for patient care. The physician-led care team is responsible for providing all the patient's health care needs and, when needed, arranges for appropriate care with other qualified physicians.*