



Michigan Dietetic Association Institute

Annual Report for 2002/2003

Introduction

The Michigan Dietetic Association (MDA) established the Michigan Dietetic Association Institute (MDAI) in 1980 as a tax-exempt Foundation. With an operating budget and a Plan of Work, the Board of Trustees of the MDAI directed the activities of the Institute. Members of the Board serve without compensation and are either elected by the membership of MDA or are appointed as public members by the Board of Trustees.

Activities of the Board

The board met three times during 2002/2003: November 8, 2002, March 14, 2003, and June 6, 2003. In addition the Scholarship Committee and the Policies, Procedures, and By-Laws Committee met to transact business between Board meetings.

Major accomplishments include:

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- MDA website <http://www.eatrightmich.org> has a link to our own MDAI website <http://www.eatrightmich.org/mdai.asp>.
 - The website includes links to:
 - MDAI donation form <http://www.eatrightmich.org/pdf/mdai%20donation%20form.pdf>
 - Scholarship Recipients <http://www.eatrightmich.org/pdf/2003scholarshipwinners.pdf>
 - Scholarship Biographies <http://www.eatrightmich.org/mdaischolarshipbios.asp>
 - Scholarship Forms <http://www.eatrightmich.org/pdf/mdai%20application%20form.pdf>
 - The Suzanne J. Bosserd Scholarship fund was substantially increased through the fundraising activities of her family.
 - The Michigan Dietetic Educators Practice Group funded a one-time scholarship of \$500.00.
 - Completed the third annual fundraising drive of the MDA membership. A total of \$1,175 was donated. Spartan Stores, Inc. donated all printing and mailing costs. The Communication and Public Relations Committee held a fundraising activity-baskets filled with local "goodies" were donated from state district dietetic associations and dietetic practice groups. They were raffled through a silent auction at the Annual Michigan Dietetic Association. Eleven baskets were donated for a total of \$745.00 raised.
 - The Scholarship Committee revised the application evaluation form.
 - Awarded a total of 12 scholarships at the MDA annual conference in Midland.
 - The MDA restructured their Board and the MDAI President was added as a non-voting member.

Organization

The Board was composed of 12 members. One member resigned due to out of state job relocation. Ten of the trustees are MDA members and two are public (non-MDA) members. Officers for 2002-2003 were President-Ann Jay; Vice-President-Tonia Reinhard; Secretary-Jane Hedges; Treasurer-Karen Bettin (Diane Fischer upon Karen's resignation); and Account Executive-Dorothy Mitstifer. Additional Trustees for 2002-2003 include: Cathy Fitzgerald, Theresa Han-Markey, Lee McDonagh, Quentin Moore, Julia Moses, and Kay Pomeroy.

The financial report for 2002-2003 is attached to this report.

Awards and Scholarships

Kay Pomeroy, Chair and her committee updated the scholarship policies/procedures and selection criteria for scholarship awardees.

Refer to attached list of scholarship recipients.

Communications and Public Relations

The MDAI Secretary Jane Hedges submitted articles for publication in each issue of the MDA Link at <http://www.eatrightmich.org/mdalink/link.asp>

Board members Cathy Fitzgerald, Diane Fischer, and Lee McDonagh updated the MDAI exhibit and coordinated the silent auction at the MDA Annual Meeting in Midland.

Appreciation

The MDAI Board of Trustees wishes to thank the MDA and individual MDA members for their support and donations this past year.

Thank you to the district associations and dietetic practice groups for donating the fundraiser baskets.

Thank you to Linda Harrison, MDA Webmaster, for volunteering her time and expertise in creating and updating of our website.

Thank you to Shari Steinbach and Spartan Stores, Inc. for the donation of all the printing and mailing costs for our annual fundraiser.

A special thank you to the MDAI Trustees for devoting their time and expertise to advance the goals of the Institute. They have been an active and innovative Board providing valuable input.

It has been an honor to serve as the 2002-2003 President of MDAI. I wish the Institute continued success and growth.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Jay, MS, RD, FADA