

**Michigan Dietetic Association Institute
President's Annual Report
2004-2005**

Introduction

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

Activities of the Board

The Board held three meetings in 2004-2005 November 3rd, March 22nd, June 28th. In addition, the Scholarship Committee met to transact business.

Major Accomplishments

- 1) Annual membership fund raising drive total \$1222 pending
- 2) Communication and Public Relations Committee raised \$502 from the silent auction and \$485 from the quilt raffle at the MDA Annual Conference in Grand Rapids.
- 3) Scholarship Committee awarded nine scholarships at \$500 each.

Objectives for 2004-2005 and Outcomes

Organizational

- 1) MDAI Bylaws no revisions required.
- 2) Annual financial report attached.
- 3) Audit completed by Quentin Moore, Wanda Chenoweth and Dorothy Mitstifer Spring 05.
- 4) 12 Board members were maintained and 4 new members were elected: President, Julia Moses, Vice President, Debbie Cicinelli-Timm, Treasurer, Lorraine Weatherspoon, Secretary, Cathy Fitzgerald, Trustees, Judi Brooks, Ann Jay, Lee McDonagh, Miriam Nettles, Laura Perrett, Cinde Rutkowski, Public Member, Quentin Moore, and Dorothy Mitstifer. New members: Kelly McGraw, Daisy Seremba, Charity Simpkins and Wanda Chenoweth.

Public Relations and Fund Raising:

- 1) Provided quarterly press release/updates to the MDA web master on activities
- 2) Updated MDAI website (as part of MDA website: www.eatrightmich.org)
- 3) Presented MDAI exhibit at MDA Annual Conference
- 4) Developed a fund raising plan to include previous strategies (District baskets at MDA Annual Conference, "Funding Dietetics for the Future" campaign targeting MDA members). This project was not accomplished to address new opportunities targeting industry partners.

Scholarships:

- 1) No revisions except the date were made to the forms in 2004 and 2005.
- 2) MDA scholarship presentation at the Annual Meeting was a success.
- 3) Based on annual budget, develop a plan to more effectively promote grants/scholarships for dietitians to continue their education and research grants- no new approach was attempted this year.

Evaluation:

- 1) Annual report complete- opportunities for improvement in 2005-2006:
 - 1) Suggest the VP take the role of the Chair of the Scholarship Committee and present the awards along with the President at MDA.
 - 2) Suggest the Chairs of each committee write a summary of tasks that are required to be performed to pass along to the next chair along with time saving tips.
 - 3) Plan to revise the scholarship application forms in 2006 discuss at Spring and Fall meeting.

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