

District Legislative Representative

At least a one year commitment

A. Goal/Purpose:

1. To build and sustain VAND's ability to influence public policy by providing leadership at the District Level.

B. Responsibilities:

1. Keep district members informed of key state and federal legislative activities.
2. Recruit and support Constituent Liaisons (CL). Recommend at least one constituent per federal and state legislator.
3. Organize/coordinate annual trip to Richmond to visit state legislators during the Virginia General Assembly
4. Organize/coordinate annual AND Public Policy Workshop if on-line or support district members attending PPW on-site.
5. Possible point of contact for VAND PAC activities.

C. Desired Results: (specific outcomes; indicators of success)

1. Network of members who will have an on-going deep relationship with local, state and federal legislators.
2. Annual trip during Virginia General Assembly, with district members to visit state legislators.
3. At least one district meeting per year that includes a state legislator or their staff.
4. One to two visits per year by district members to state and federal legislators in their home offices.

D. Qualifications/Expertise/Skills: (as objective as possible; ideal vs critical)

1. Interest in grassroots advocacy
2. Comfort with written, verbal and Internet communication
3. Mentor other members to participate in grassroots activities and provide support, direction for their efforts

E. Time commitment: (duration; weekly or monthly hours; critical meeting schedule)

1. Sept-Oct 2-4 hours/month
2. Nov-Dec 1 hour/month
3. Jan-Mar 4 hours/month plus day trip to Richmond and 1/2 day if PPW online
4. Apr-July 1-2 hours/month

5. Aug - 2 hours plus day trip to Richmond/Charlottesville for Annual Think Tank

F. Location/Site: (where the work must/can be done, if relevant)

1. Home/office - 95% time
2. District meeting/day trips - 5% time

G. Support: (reporting structure, training provided, other resources)

1. Reports to District President and VDA State Policy Representative (SPR)
2. Resources: conference calls with SPR, other DLRs throughout the year, VDA, ADA web-site info, webinars

H. Benefits: (tangible or intangible)

1. Directly affect the health of Virginians by influencing policy and legislation related to nutrition
2. Opportunity to work with others throughout the state with a wide range of experiences and backgrounds.
3. Gain experience in member recruitment and training, program development and implementation, as well as grassroots advocacy.
4. Enhance professional recognition of dietitians for Virginia