



2018 ASN VICE-PRESIDENT-ELECT



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Top priority issues, goals and philosophy regarding ASN:

ASN is perceived to be the leading nutrition society not only in North America, but in the world. Maintaining and further developing this image and reality is a major component of the responsibilities of the Vice-President and President. More work needs to be done to strengthen the role of ASN as an authority and advocate for nutrition science, education and policy. The leadership and management structure of ASN is well-developed; and the President is supported by the Board of Directors, its three main Scientific Councils, and other important committees that focus on issues such as Scientific Programs, Long-range Planning, Graduate and Professional Education, Advocacy and Science Policy, and its excellent journals. The President should listen to and support these committees, help to set priorities and resolve inevitable controversies, and implement ongoing major ASN initiatives including its Vision 2028 and the Ensuring Trust in Nutrition Science Initiative. Nutrition 2018 is attracting a high number of participants and we must monitor how well the needs of our diverse interest groups are met, then plan future meetings that program the highest quality basic and applied science to retain current members and recruit new participants including those at an early stage of their career, and in primary health care and dietetics. Continuing to build on ASN's long-term relationships with the IUNS and other national and foreign nutrition societies is important to increase membership, develop global support and involvement in all aspects of nutrition science, and augment the importance and impact of the Society.

Before accepting this nomination, I queried past and current leaders of ASN about why I was nominated and what I could add to the Society. Their main response was that I have a breadth of experience that includes domestic and international nutrition science research, administration, and involvement in the



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application of science to national and international nutrition policy. My career has provided me with excellent contacts who hold influential positions in academia and research, administration, national and international organizations, industry, and who are involved in the development and implementation of national and global nutrition policies. ASN's leaders need to be able to solicit advice and support from all of these constituencies to ensure that the Society is focused on the right priorities, can continue to serve its members as well as other users of nutrition information, and build on its excellent reputation.

Present position:

Center Director, USDA-ARS Western Human Nutrition Research Center (WHNRC), University of California, Davis.

Major responsibilities:

1) Oversight of the WHNRC and supporting the implementation of its research by all Scientists and staff, focusing on applying Nutritional Phenotyping methods in human feeding studies that evaluate dietary guidelines; 2) Planning and managing a multi-million dollar annual budget, implementing federal administrative guidelines and securing extramural financial support; 3) Management of a laboratory that conducts national and international research on micronutrient assessment and metabolism, supported by major external funding; 4) Maintaining financial, academic and administrative relationships with UC Davis.

Scientific interests:

My research program focuses on assessing the prevalence and adverse effects of micronutrient deficiencies, mainly in low and middle-income countries but also the US, using novel assessment methods such as mass spectrometry to measure multiple vitamins simultaneously, and metabolomics. As a former Professor at UC Davis and at the WHNRC I have designed, conducted and collaborated in many nutrition interventions to improve nutritional status including supplementation, fortification, feeding trials and agricultural development. Currently I lead a 4-country project to derive Reference Values for nutrients and other components of human milk.

Selected relevant honors and service to academic/clinical community:

Awards from ASN include the McCollum International Lectureship, the Conrad Elvehjem Award for Public Service in Nutrition; the Kellogg International Nutrition Prize and the 2016 Outstanding Investigator Award from the Vitamins & Minerals RIS. I have served on 11 committees of the National Academies, predominantly for setting nutrient intake recommendations. I served as Chair of multiple advisory committees for WHO, and for WHO/FAO's Guidelines for Micronutrient Fortification of Foods. Other service includes: Nutrition and Human Development Working Group Co-Leader, Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU), 2016; Expert Committee, Access to Nutrition Index Project, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, Geneva, 2010-; Micronutrient Forum, Steering & Program Committees, 2011-; Council Member and Vice-President, IUNS, 2005-2013; National Associate, National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences; International Nutrition Foundation, Board Member, 2012-; Chair, NIH-BOND Vitamin B12 Expert Panel, 2013-2017; NIH Nutrition Research Task Force 2017.

Previous ASN responsibilities and involvement:

President, American Institute of Nutrition; first President, Society for International Nutrition Research (now the Global Nutrition Council); Associate Editor, Journal of Nutrition; ASN Fellow; ASN representative to the International Union of Nutrition Sciences; ASN Membership Committee.



2018 ASN TREASURER-ELECT



Sarah L. Booth, PhD

Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center at Tufts University

Top priority issues, goals and philosophy regarding ASN:

ASN needs a strong financial state in order to fulfill its goals and aspirations, and to maintain its position as the premier authority for nutritional science and practice. This is a critical time for ASN as it embarks on organizing its own annual meeting and the contributions for ASN's stellar constellation of publications to the society's overall financial portfolio are evolving. ASN must also adapt to the current and critical transition period for FASEB, for which ASN is an important member and a leader in terms of innovation and fiscal responsibility. Such transitional and pivotal times require highly-engaged leadership that is responsive to input from the membership, puts forth the effort to strategically construct financial solutions to existing obstacles, and creatively provides the financial platform from which ASN leaders can develop new initiatives that will assist in the growth of ASN to the broader scientific community.

Present position:

Center Director, Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center at Tufts University (HNRCA); Senior Scientist and Director, Vitamin K Laboratory, HNRCA; Professor of Nutrition, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University

Major responsibilities:

(1) Lead on a wide variety of complex research, fiscal and management issues, including direction of research, expansion of extramural sources of funding, and addressing major issues confronting the HNRCA, with a current emphasis on advocacy for federal budgetary issues; (2) Nurture a vigorous research program in the area of vitamin K by providing scientific guidance and oversight, as well as securing extramural funds to support the science; and (3) Provide mentorship, didactic and informal training for young scientists and trainees.



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Scientific interests:

My research is focused on fat-soluble vitamins and age-related chronic diseases, with an emphasis on vitamin K. My research activities have evolved to include a diverse scope of scientific activities that range from food science, animal models of metabolism, to clinical trials. Under my direction, our laboratory has made important contributions to establishing roles for vitamin K in chronic diseases of aging, such as cardiovascular disease, renal disease, osteoporosis, arthritis and cognitive impairment.

Relevant honors and service to academic/clinical community:

NIH-NIDDK, R13 Review Committee (Special Emphasis Panel) (2016-2018); ASN E.V. McCollum Award (2018); ASN Pfizer Consumer Healthcare Nutritional Sciences Award (2016); ASN Volunteer of the Year Award (2016); Organizer, FASEB Summer Research Conference “Molecular, Structural & Clinical Aspects of Vitamin K & Vitamin K-Dependent Proteins” (2015 and 2011). Dannon Mid-Career Leadership Institute Award (2012); ILSI Europe, Expert Group for Specific Dietary Reference Values for Vitamin K2 (2011); International Dairy Foundation, Expert panel member (2011); ASN ELR Stokstad Award (2007).

Current and previous ASN responsibilities and involvement:

Member, FASEB Finance Committee (ASN representative; 2016-2019); Member, ASN Finance Committee (2013-2019); Member, ASN Publications and Management Committee (2010-2013); Deputy Editor, Current Developments in Nutrition (2016-present); Associate Editor, Advances in Nutrition (2010-2013).



2018 ASN SECRETARY



Kevin L. Schalinske, PhD

Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition, Iowa State University

Top priority issues, goals and philosophy regarding ASN:

The membership of ASN is the life blood that continuously supports ASN activities and fosters community among its scientists, faculty, and students; thus, it is vital to nurture and grow the membership. My view of ASN is that it serves to form a community within the discipline that engages the membership on many levels, from research to education to mentorship.

As Secretary and chief advocate for the membership, I plan on reaching out to ASN members on a number of fronts to gain knowledge and insight as to the value the society provides them and seek avenues to elevate that value. It is important to understand what aspects of being a member in ASN are valued and those that may motivate others to discontinue being in the society. A major goal is to subsequently use this information to increase the recruitment of new members and most importantly retain existing members.

Present position:

Professor in the Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition at Iowa State University. Graduate Faculty status in the Toxicology Program and the Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology Program at Iowa State University.

Major responsibilities:

I have significant responsibilities in all aspects of the tripartite mission of being at a land-grant university. I teach at both the undergraduate and graduate level throughout the curriculum. I have an active research program and mentor graduate students, as well as undergraduates. I provide significant service to the university community and professional service to ASN, federal agencies and other entities that support research, the reviewing of manuscripts for other journals, and by serving as an Associate Editor for *The Journal of Nutrition*.



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Scientific interests:

My primary research interests revolve around one-carbon and methyl group metabolism, particularly with respect to health and disease. My current research in this area involves using type 1 and type 2 diabetes models to evaluate their impact on methyl group metabolism. More recent work has expanded to evaluate vitamin D homeostasis as a function of diabetes and develop dietary interventions to maintain vitamin D balance. In support of the nutritional sciences graduate program at Iowa State University, I was the Project Director for a USDA National Needs Graduate Fellowship focused on childhood obesity.

Relevant honors and service to academic/ professional community:

For research, I received the ASN E.L.R. Stokstad Award in 2006 and the Board on Human Sciences Undergraduate Research Mentor Award in 2012. For teaching, I received the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Outstanding Achievement in Teaching Award in 2012 and the Iowa State University Outstanding Achievement in Teaching Award in 2013. For Institutional Service, I served as the Director of the Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Nutritional Sciences for 9 years and was the Faculty Senate President at Iowa State University from 2014-2015. For Professional service, I recently completed a 4-year term on the NIH INMP Study Section. My ASN involvement has consisted of serving as the Research Interest Sections Director and member of the ASN Board of Directors from 2014-2017; ASN Publications Management Committee (2013-present); Scientific Sessions at EB Program Committee (2014-2017); Scientific & Educational Programs Oversight Committee (2015-2017); and I have been serving as an Associate Editor for *The Journal of Nutrition* since 2014.

Previous ASN responsibilities and involvement:

My ASN involvement has consisted of chairing numerous minisymposia at EB; as the Nutrient Gene Interaction Research Interest Section Chair; serving as the Research Interest Sections Director and member of the ASN Board of Directors from 2014-2017; ASN Publications Management Committee (2013-present); Scientific Sessions at EB Program Committee (2014-2017); Scientific & Educational Programs Oversight Committee (2015-2017); and as an Associate Editor for *The Journal of Nutrition* since 2014.



2018 ASN DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE



Michael D. Jensen, MD

Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism and Nutrition, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Top priority issues, goals and philosophy regarding ASN:

As career-long member of ASN and its precursor organization I've had the opportunity to observe it become a universally recognized authority in the area of nutritional science and practice. To remain as such, it must correctly identify this most addressable nutrition issues facing our society and develop realistic approaches to improve outcomes. In order to accomplish this goal, we must gather well-crafted input from members and partners, establish goals and metrics for success, communicate with those we seek to influence and help, and remain adaptable to changes in circumstances over which we have no control. The ASN leadership needs to accept feedback from the membership and keep abreast of the advances in policy and science in order to have a positive impact on priorities we've chosen to address.

ASN has highly recognized journals and conferences that need attention and support to stay successful and, hopefully, improve further. I'm not as familiar with ASN's efforts in the area of advocacy for nutrition research and promoting the training of future nutrition scientists, but I look forward to learning and contributing as I am able to these goals. I agree with the posit that ASN can have a greater impact if it can expand membership amongst physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and others whose responsibilities include providing sound nutritional care.

Present position:

Tomas J. Watson, Jr. Professor in Honor of Dr. Robert L. Frye; Chair – Mayo Enterprise Obesity Specialty Council, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Major responsibilities:



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1) Coordinating and integrating obesity evaluation and management across Mayo Enterprise; 2) mentoring postdoctoral fellow and students in the science of metabolic research; 3) physician member of a multi-specialty hospital nutrition support service

Scientific interests:

For over 30 years my research has focused on the study of fatty acid/energy metabolism, focusing specifically on the interactions between adipose tissue and lean tissue in health and disease. My studies have identified the relative contributions of different fat depots to lipid fuel metabolism, including the role of intra-abdominal fat. I have also contributed to the understanding of the role of non-exercise energy activity to weigh regulation and the expandability of adult human adipose tissue.

Relevant honors and service to academic/clinical community:

Member - American Society of Clinical Investigation; Member – Association of American Physicians; Robert H. Herman Memorial Award - American Society for Clinical Nutrition, 2005; Rubenstein Lecture, Canadian Lipoprotein Conference, October, 2007; The Obesity Society TOPS Research Achievement Award – 2010; Keynote speaker, Nobel Symposium “Lipid mobilization from adipose tissue. Novel aspects on an old story” Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden, 2012; E.V. McCollum Award - American Society for Nutrition, 2013; Jean Vague/Per Björntorp Award - International Chair on Cardiometabolic Risk, 2013; Willendorf Award for outstanding clinical research – World Obesity Federation, 2016; American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition 2018 Jonathan E. Rhoads Lecturer; North American Association for the Study of Obesity - Secretary/Treasurer (1995-1998), Vice-President (2000-2001), President (2001-2002); Invited Discussant, USDA Research Initiative Workshop on Popular Diets – 2000; Endocrine Society - Chair, Obesity Theme Task Force (2002-2004); President – Shaping America's Health: Association for Weight Management and Obesity Prevention (2005 – 2007); Co Chair: NHLBI Expert Panel to Update the Report on the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Overweight and Obesity in Adults, 2008 – 2013.

Previous ASN responsibilities and involvement:

Before ASCN became part of ASN I served briefly on the ASCN education committee.



2018 ASN NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER



Johanna T. Dwyer, DSc, RD

Office of Dietary Supplements, NIH (contractor) and School of Medicine and Tufts Medical Center, Tufts University

Top priority issues, goals and philosophy regarding ASN:

To maintain ASN as a premier player in nutrition science, clinical nutrition, and international nutrition. To achieve this objective, the society needs outstanding leadership that requires Board members who are: active in ASN; have an understanding of ASN and the ASN Foundation; respected in their fields of scientific specialization; a representative of academic, government and /or industry careers; committed to ASN's international presence; geographically diverse; reflective of sex, age, race/ethnicity and disciplinary diversity. Someone who is determined to help ASN be a wise and vocal presence to further influence and collaborate with fellow societies in basic research, medical science, food science and international nutrition, the larger scientific community, as well as government. A member who displays a willingness to develop society initiatives that will attract new members and partners within the field of nutrition, and exhibits a determination to foster and mentor the next nutrition generation.

As a Nominating Committee member, I will nominate ASN members with profiles like this.

Present position:

Senior Nutrition Scientist, Office of Dietary Supplements, NIH (contractor), Professor of Medicine and Community Health, Tufts Schools of Medicine and Nutrition and Director Frances Stern Nutrition Center Tufts Medical Center

Major responsibilities:

1) research on dietary supplements at the Office of Dietary Supplements, NIH especially on databases,



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population-based studies, and effects of flavonoids on health outcomes 2) didactic, informal training and mentoring of graduate students at Tufts Health Science campus 3) editor of Nutrition Today, a review journal.

Scientific Interests: Population-based studies of dietary intake; especially the role of food and dietary supplements in health outcomes, the role of dietary flavonoids in health, risk reduction strategies involving nutrition and dietary treatment in end-stage renal disease, prevention of coronary heart disease and obesity in young children and adolescents; measuring quality of life and frailty in the elderly

Relevant honors, previous ASN involvement, other: Elected member of the National Academy of Medicine (formerly IOM), Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy fellow, US Congress, WO Atwater Award, Past president and Board member Society for Nutrition Education, Alumni Award of Merit Harvard School of Public Health, Medallion award, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Prior member Food and Nutrition Board, Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, Honor award (shared) from Office of Director NIH in 2013 and 2017, External examiner, Department of Nutrition Irish National University Dublin, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Singapore Institute of Clinical Sciences.

Previous ASN Service and Involvement:

Current: Member, ASN Foundation, prior: Nominating Committee, Chair, Strategic Oversight Committee, Secretary and President of AIN (now ASN), Member Public Affairs Committee, Conrad Elvejehm Award for Public Service, Trailblazer Award.