Implementation Advisory Group Call Minutes
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
2:00 p.m. Eastern

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Guiding Principles for ASN Relationships with Entities at Interest
Implementation Advisory Group members reviewed and discussed feedback and edits from the ASN Board of Directors on the draft Guiding Principles for ASN Relationships with Entities at Interest. The Advisory Group suggested revisions to the final paragraph to clarify the ASN point of contact and liaison to the ASN Relationships Advisory Group. The revised document will be shared once again with the ASN Board of Directors, and then sent to the ASN membership for review and feedback.

ACTION: The ASN membership will be asked to provide input on draft Guiding Principles document.

ASN Member Draft Code of Conduct
The Committee on Advocacy and Science Policy subcommittee shared a draft ASN member code of conduct with the Advisory Group following positive feedback on the Code of Conduct outline the subcommittee had previously shared. Implementation Advisory Group members discussed the need for the inclusion of language related to ASN’s enforcement of the Code of Conduct. The Advisory Group had no other suggested revisions to the draft Code of Conduct and felt it could next be shared with the ASN Membership Committee for review and feedback with the addition of language related to ASN’s enforcement of the Code of Conduct.

ACTION: The draft Code of Conduct was sent back to the subcommittee for inclusion of language related to an ASN enforcement policy. The draft Code of Conduct will be shared with the Advisory Group for review once revised.

Guiding Principles for Managing and Conducting Nutrition Research Funded by Entities at Interest
The Advisory Group discussed the development of draft Guiding Principles for Managing and Conducting Nutrition Research Funded by Entities at Interest. The Guiding Principles would be based on the ILSI NA paper “Funding food science and nutrition research: financial conflicts and scientific integrity” and the 8 guiding principles within this report. ASN and the Canadian Nutrition Society, as well as others, endorsed this report and its principles when it was published in 2009. The Implementation Advisory Group found the 8 Guiding Principles to still be adequate and relevant, with minor adaptations. These guiding principles address implementation of
Recommendation #4: ASN should develop guidelines for its members in managing and conducting nutrition research funded by entities at interest – often those with a financial stake in the outcomes of the funded work”.

ACTION: The draft Guiding Principles for Managing and Conducting Nutrition Research Funded by Entities at Interest will be shared with the ASN Membership Committee for review and feedback, following Advisory Group committee review.

Next Steps
The next Implementation Advisory Group call will review each of these documents via email and they will then be shared with relevant ASN committees and the Board of Directors before going to the ASN membership for review and feedback. The Advisory Group will next discuss a comprehensive Conflict of Interest disclosure statement once a draft is shared with the group for review.