

Message From Chairperson: Valuable News You Can Use—Highlights From 2016 Executive Committee Meeting



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AS WE BEGIN autumn, I always think of getting back to a normal routine after the summer vacations and the children going back to school. April 27 to 28, 2016 was when the Executive Committee met in Boston, Massachusetts, at the annual Spring Clinical Meeting (SCM). Highlights from this meeting were distributed to the Executive Committee members' mid-May, and I would like to take this opportunity to share the news with you. There were more than 3000 people who attended the conference, and the pre-conference nutrition workshops, Strategies 1 Foundations of Nutrition Practice and Strategies 2 Advanced Practice, were well attended with very positive feedback. The SCM program offerings included a broad range of topics and were informative with practical application. The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) staff reviewed their updated Professional Education Resource Center (PERC) online continuing education (CE) program. It was quite impressive! The PERC will have approximately 44 sessions from the SCM 2016 online and will keep track of your transcript for easy review and access. So, if you were unable to attend the annual conference or missed some sessions you have a chance to get many CE credits. Four sessions per month will be available free to CRN members, \$25 each to nonmembers, most sessions were 1.5 CE hours. The CE offerings from the Journal of Renal Nutrition (JRN) will be accessible from the PERC platform also.

The Council on Renal Nutrition Executive Committee (CRN/EC) completed a thorough review and update of the CRN Rules and Regulations (bylaws). At the time of publication or soon thereafter, these updated bylaws will be sent out to the CRN membership for approval. Updates to the bylaws included changes to the composition of the executive committee and changes related to a move from written to electronic

formats in areas of nominations, voting, communication, and publications.

A review of the NKF/CRN 5-year goals for 2017 to 2021 was discussed. Among the new goals will be an update to the Pocket Guide to Nutrition Assessment of the Patient with Kidney Disease and the Clinical Guide to Nutrition Care in Kidney Disease. Both these reviews will be joint projects with NKF/CRN and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics/Renal Practice Group. Currently, the Pocket Guide has an APP in the Apple platform with the Android version expected later in the year. Our goal for local councils is to develop program resources to use in regions for meetings, improve formats for the educational material on the NKF website to be more printer friendly, and foster research/publication by our membership. The journal is looking for articles for their Product Update and Patient Education sections, and this is a great introduction to publication. JRN is also looking for more registered dietitian nutritionist (RD/RDN) reviewers. If interested in becoming a reviewer, contact your region representative/alternate representative; for more information, refer to NKF website for your region.

This year, CRN/EC will be holding elections for region II and IV representatives and alternate representatives and chair-elect. Time is running short if you are interested in running for office in either of these 2 regions or Chair-Elect, nominations being accepted through September 15, 2016. CRN/EC will also be conducting reaffiliation of the local councils; local council affiliation application is open through October 15, 2016. If you have a local council and use the NKF/CRN logo or resources, you will need to reaffiliate. If you would like to start a council in your area, please go to the NKF website professional/dietitian/affiliated local CRN chapters. If you have questions or need assistance with anything, please contact your region representative/alternate representative.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns, and I will provide you a timely response. Have a wonderful Fall season especially all who can enjoy the awesome beauty of the fall foliage. I will continue to work on good communication to all our membership.

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