Slate of Candidates 2025-2026: Approved by BOD

Prepared by Pablo Hernandez, Nominating/Awards Committee Chair *Jan 30, 2025*
Submitted on behalf of the Nominating/Awards Committee

POSITION: President-Elect

Name	**Vilasavathi Venkatachalam**
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Background Highlights

Full-time Hybrid - Clinical Nutrition - Communication- Teaching
Able to committee 16 hours/month

Experience

Understanding the Academy and IAAND through 23+ years as an RDN, a member and a volunteer for the Academy and the international and Nevada affiliates. Engaging international dietetic communities. Program Development. Continuing Professional Education. Communicating with different cultures.

• Continuing Education Chair, Nevada Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics. 2022 - 2026
• Member Services Chair, International Affiliate of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. 2024- 2026
• Media Representative Chair, International Affiliate of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. 2023-2024
• Member, International Education Harmonization Taskforce - ACEND - IAAND Collaboration. 2024 - present
• The Coffee Hour - A podcast style discussion to understand the dietetic communities around the world, their hopes and challenges. Learn from personal histories and cultural contributions.
• Mentor for The IAAND Exchange - A podcast to engage dietetic-nutrition students around world by Student Member Services Co-Chairs.

Skills

Communicating with an international audience, Working in groups collaboratively keenly engaging the interests and potential of members, Listening with care, Experimenting to find better answers, Cross-pollination of ideas from unexpected and unconnected sources, creating new conformations and solutions, Tweaking conventional rules to respond to the unexpected.

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Candidate Statement

2025 finds us in a liminal space where structures supporting global health are on the verge of being dismantled and yet the focus is evermore on nutrition and food security as a metric of our success as a society.

Our roles are being redefined by emerging technologies and economic realities outside our domain. There is both a sense of possibility and displacement.

IAAND represents professionals from 70+ countries. We are building bridges with institutions to harmonize our education internationally and evolve into a cadre of professionals who can anticipate and shape the future.

I hope represent our collective ambition for a future that is emerging forcefully and is yet not quite formed.

Thank you for considering my nomination.