President Judy Beto (USA) IAAND Summary 2024-2025

It has been my privilege to serve as President of the International Affiliate of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (IAAND) for the term of June 2024 through May 2025. This year has brought many opportunities for IAAND through the work and passion of the volunteer leadership team and their areas of focus.

The IAAND website was professionally re-designed and continues to be upgraded with a focus on member benefit with a dedicated volunteer webmaster Truddie Reif (USA). The increased member communication services included expansion of social media outreach. Leadership communication used the monthly Portal for officer/board input.

The International Harmonization Task Force was initiated and continued under the leadership of our past-president, Ahlam El Shikieri (Saudi Arabia). The goal has focused on greater understanding of the opportunities and challenges in creating a global nutrition work force. A webinar with Rayane from ACEND helped clarify credential standards.

Membership innovation grew under the direction of Vilasi Venkatachalam (India). Two new student membership chairs were created to increase student support. Academy membership continued to decline approximately 2% with a mirror in IAAND membership decrease. IAAND continues to work to bridge the challenges of international membership by tier country categories.

Esther Myers (USA), as a former IAAND president, continued as our representative to the House of Delegates. She continued to donate many additional hours as IAAND treasurer and perpetual trainer of all of us to the framework of the IAAND structure within the Academy.

The Nominating Committee expertly vetted every nomination with the published Academy and IAAND criteria under the leadership of Pablo Hernandez (Columbia). Naomi Trostler (Israel) ended her extensive IAAND service as a member of the Nominating Committee.

The second year of the virtual conference was completed in April 2025. The program consisted of two half days and an additional half day of networking. Participant evaluations were high; the program was diverse and excellent. Melinda Boyd (USA) coordinated for the second year. Wilmar Jen Epore (Philippines) headed the abstract and online conference program booklet. Revenues, however, continued to be lower than planned. A new model will be explored for next year.

IAAND participated in two international conferences. The Nutritionists and Dietitians Association of the Philippines (NDAP) invited IAAND again to participate in their

pre-conference in Manila as part of their 70th anniversary Sparkle celebration. This year's topic was Public Health in the Nutrition Care Process in February 2025. The second scientific symposium conference was held in conjunction with Madras Medical College in Chennai. NutriFest was held May 9-10, 2025.

IAAND also celebrated their 40th anniversary at the Food and Nutrition Conference Expo in Minneapolis MN in October 2024. There was a member program hosted by Zhenie Velasco (Philippines), President-Elect. A booth was sponsored at the Member Showcase where IAAND membership information was shared.

IAAND was represented by Judy Beto, President at the ICDA conference in Toronto, June 2024.

Professional Development Sylvia Klinger (USA) arranged several webinars. The challenge of creating a common time for an international audience to participate was addressed: webinars were "recorded" and then offered for several months. This platform also allowed the use of zoom caption technology to translate the presentation into seven languages.

Coffee hours were initiated in December 2024 by Vilasi Venkatachalam. A monthly speaker was arranged with interactive conversation. Three were held. All were placed on the website for members to access at their convenience for a period of three months. This on-demand access also offers the same caption technology as implemented with the webinars. Members could access the language translation feature of option caption translation into one of seven languages.

The International Project Chair was unable to participate due to the unrest in Lebanon.

The KERI (Kids Eat Right International) was re-focused by Chair Eva Weston (USA). The Board approved Eva's vision of the KERI award positioned to create two $250 social media messages. Competition will continue throughout the summer with a peer-reviewed decision anticipated before FNCE 2025.

Social Media continued their outreach with Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter. Maria Bovill (Thailand) continued to edit the ePassport and quarterly eGazette. New features included monthly web sites to visit, global Flavors (cultural recipes), selected holidays with food customs and traditions.

Elections were held which included President-Elect Vilasi Venkatachalam; Professional Development Chair Rasha Al-Aselli; Country Representative Chair, Vandana Sheth.

Country Representative Chair (CR) Rupal Shah (India) ended her term. New Chair Vandana Sheth (USA) will have new challenges of lower activity since Covid.

The 2024-2025 budget summary: Expenses exceeded revenue by $6231 primarily due to drop in Academy membership as well as an approximate $3000 loss from the second virtual conference.