The Path to National Leadership Opportunities
SNA Leadership Opportunities

• Are you looking for a challenging way to pursue your passion in school nutrition?
• Are you ready to take your experience and skills to the next level?
• Can a national leadership experience enhance your career?
So...Where do you start?

The path to national leadership starts right here!
Are You Ready?

- Right time in your career?
- Right time in your personal life?
- Impact on other volunteer activity?
- Pursuing your education?
Get Started!

• Be an active SNA member in good standing
• Seek opportunities to volunteer at chapter or state level
  »Committee
  »Event/activity
Why?

Opportunities to develop:
• Leadership experience
• Leadership skills
Develop Leadership Competencies

• Think big picture
• Believe passionately in SN
• Build a reputation for honesty, integrity and ethical behavior
• Earn trust
• Be a “life long learner”
Develop Leadership Competencies

• Use mistakes as learning opportunities
• Be “present”
• Practice presentation skills
• Improve interpersonal communication skills
• Learn to build consensus
• Be a good problem solver
Start in Your State Association

- Be a Chapter leader
- Be a Committee Chair
- Run or volunteer for state VP, Pres-Elect, President
- Attend SNA conferences
- Find a SN mentor
Leadership Coaching Resources

- Current state board members
- Past State Presidents
- State Association Executives/Directors
Governance Changes
New Opportunities

• Changes to Board and committee structure
• Increased volunteer opportunities:
  – Committees (2 year terms)
  – Task forces (terms vary but typically short term)
Committee Appointment Opportunities

- Standing Committees
- Strategic Committees
Committee Appointment Eligibility

• Current member in good standing

• SNS Credential or SNA Certificate

• Membership segment representative (select committees)
President-Elect Committee Appointments

- Submit Committee Interest form on LeadershipOpp website page (also used for task force interest)
- Standards of Business Conduct/Conflict of Interest Policy - requires signature (LeadershipOpp website page)
President-Elect Committee Appointments (Con’t)

- Geographic representatives (select committees)
- Subject matter expertise representatives (select committees)
- Board of Directors approves all appointments
- Staggered two year terms begin in July
Time Commitment

• Committees meet twice a year in October and April
  » April meeting depends on committee workload
  » SNA pays travel expenses
• Conference calls
• Assigned tasks
# Elected Positions

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<th>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</th>
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<td>7 Regional Representatives</td>
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Eligibility for Board Positions

• Member in good standing
• SNS Credential or SNA Certificate
• Employed in region represented (RD’s)
• Member in relevant membership segment (Employee/Manager Section Chair)
Eligibility for Board Positions (Cont.)

• SNA Board experience (President, Pres-Elect, Vice President)
• BA degree (President, Pres-Elect, Vice President)
• Knowledge of Finance (Secretary/Treasurer)
New Opportunities – Board of Directors

11 SNA Board of Director positions now require state board experience but no national SNA experience:

- At Large Director (3)
- Regional Directors (7)
- Employee/Manager Section Chair (1)
Leadership Development Committee Eligibility

- Member in good standing
- SNS Credential or SNA Certificate
- SNA Board, Committee or task force experience
- Employed in region represented

* Also two At Large members appointed by President
## Nominations and Election Schedule

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<td>Late September</td>
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<td>Slate selected by Leadership Committee</td>
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<td>Final slate announced</td>
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Benefits for You!

• Develop and strengthen leadership skills
• Provide input to SN policy issues
• Improve critical thinking skills
• Improve public speaking skills
• Improve understanding of financial management
Benefits to School District!

• Best practices in SN from around the country brought back to district
• An SN professional with more leadership skills
• District programs and accomplishments often receive national recognition
And Don’t Forget Your Staff!

- “Stretch”, learn new skills and acquire new knowledge from you!

- Best practices and solutions brought back by you!
SNA Past President’s Comments

“Developing strong relationships with excellent leaders”.

“Making a difference in the lives of school nutrition professionals”.
SNA Past President’s Comments

“...getting positive feedback from members...who would tell me I had been a role model, and something I had done or said had influenced them positively...”
Be an SNA Leader!

Join us in the leadership opportunity of your lifetime!

Get on a SNA committee!
Run for SNA office!