

State Policy Representative (SPR)

Length of service:

Two (2) to three (3) years

Expected time commitment:

This will vary depending on the public policy issues in the state.

Position reports to:

Affiliate President

Ideal candidate for this position (or special skills needed):

A member interested in helping the profession by advocating for public policy issues.

Responsibilities:

- Gaining consensus within the affiliate that identifies three to five state public policy priorities. Maintain a program of work consistent with selected priorities.
- Tracking state legislative and regulatory issues of importance to Registered Dietitians and overseeing the affiliate's response to emerging opportunities and problems.
- Engaging with appropriate leaders - including DPG representatives in the state - to manage practice matters. Affiliates may want to delegate responsibility for specific issues to individuals with expert knowledge or interest to lead affiliate action in a particular effort.
- Coordinating appointments with Governor's office, state health officials, state legislators and others to raise the profile of the association.
- Supporting members who connect with local contacts, including school systems, local Boards of Health, and similar groups by providing ADA stances and affiliate materials.
- Coordinating with the Public Policy Coordinator on issues to assure that the affiliate stance is consistent with ADA's.
- Serving on the Affiliate Public Policy Panel in a substantive role. Act as a liaison with the ADA Director of State Government Relations in to collaboratively consider the affiliate's response to emerging opportunities and problems.