



Call for nominations for the ADSA Executive Committee (Term of Office June 2017–June 2019)

The call for all members to participate in nominating members to the new ADSA Executive Committee (term of Office June 2017–June 2019) was made via our weekly mailer on 21 April, 4 May and 10 May. The constitution states that the Executive Committee of the Association shall be composed of immediate previous or present members of the Branch and Executive Committees. The Executive Committee, along with the Management Committee, serves the members to uphold the vision and mission of ADSA. The responsibilities of the various portfolios are outlined in the constitution which can be found on the ADSA website (www.adsa.org.za).

Highlights from the ADSA Executive Committee (June 2015–June 2017)

The ADSA Executive Committee (June 2015–June 2017) would like to highlight some of the achievements during their term of office:

- Adoption and implementation of our **new sponsorship policy** that reflects international best practice, the opinions and needs of our local members, and a far stricter and objective review process to determine whether a potential sponsor is appropriate for ADSA partnership.
- Ongoing **presence in the media space** including 7 media releases in the past 12 months; average 9 media requests per month; and over 450 pieces of coverage mentioning ADSA in the past 12 months alone.
- Great progress was made on the **coding and billing front for private practising dietitians (PPD)**. These changes were communicated in the PPD newsletter sent to all members on 20 March 2017.
- **Great success of the ADSA's National Roadshow**. A very big thank you to Alpha Rasekhala for visiting branches across the country to present on the ethical and professional rules of conduct for practitioners (HPCSA rules and regulations).

- Co-hosting another **successful National Nutrition Congress**, together with The Nutrition Society of South Africa in September 2016 with the theme: Science at the centre of sound nutrition.
- Revamping of the **ADSA website and the ADSA weekly mailer** (ongoing process).
- Introduction of the position known as the **chief operating officer** for assisting with the many requests the public relations and communications team receives as well as attending meetings on behalf of ADSA, and assisting with other executive portfolios when and as required.

PEN Newsletter

We would like to draw your attention to the following articles/resources that were showcased in the latest PEN newsletter.

- When faced with change, what is your gateway to excellence?
- Mendelian Randomization in nutritional epidemiology: what dietitians need to know!
- Addressing Treatment Fidelity to Ensure Integrity of Nutrition Science and Dietary Recommendations.

To read the full PEN newsletter, log in to PEN – the link to the newsletter can be found on the home page. If you are struggling to gain access to PEN, please consult andrew@vdw.co.za or contact PEN directly by following the link - <https://www.pennutrition.com/contact.aspx>

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