

Candidate Statement
Sonja L. Connor

Greetings! I'm Sonja Connor and I'm interested in being your next American Dietetic Association/Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics president.

I would like to have this important and demanding job because I have ideas and energy to direct towards helping us achieve our dream of being viewed as leaders in food and nutrition.

I have had the great fortune to work in a research group in which each of us was encouraged to do more than we thought we could ever do – so we did. The work we did led us to be respected in our workplace and in our community. I wish this for each and every one of you and would work to help make it a reality.

I have enjoyed volunteering to help our profession. I led the last big effort that achieved licensure in Oregon. I was chair of the Research practice group and Speaker of the House. I served four years on the ADA Board of Directors and now serve on the ADA Foundation Board of Directors.

I learned that we have fabulous RDs and DTRs who give countless hours to our Association and an incredible staff who are doing everything possible to help make our dream come true. Our Evidence Analysis Library is recognized and valued nationally!! I can't begin to describe the hard work being done to make sure we are at the table when any food or nutrition policy or reimbursement is being considered. Pat Babjak, our CEO, recently made contacts that will help further with reimbursement and in setting dietary guidelines for infants from birth to 24 months.

I would love to be your president.

Thank you!