



American Society for Nutrition Announces New Vice President and Members to its Board of Directors and Nominating Committee

At its annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, the American Society for Nutrition announced new additions to its Board of Directors and Nominating Committee. These positions were elected by their peers. New volunteer leaders include:

Richard Mattes, MPH, PhD, RD (Vice President Elect)

Dr. Mattes currently serves as Distinguished Professor of Nutrition Science and Director of the University Public Health Graduate Program and the Ingestive Behavior Research Center at Purdue University. Dr. Mattes' work over the last 35 years has focused on human feeding with a particular emphasis on the interface between the chemical senses and nutrition.

Zhaoping Li, MD, PhD (At-Large Board of Directors Member)

Dr. Li currently leads the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition. For nearly three decades, Dr. Li's research interest has focused on translational research in the role of macronutrients and phytochemicals in the prevention and treatment of obesity related chronic diseases.

Diane Birt, PhD (Nominating Committee Member)

Dr. Birt currently serves as Distinguished Professor in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Iowa State University. Dr. Birt has a long history of research on diet and cancer prevention. More recently she has been engaged in research on the potential health benefits of botanical supplements.

“We are delighted to work with this line-up of visionary thinkers,” said John Courtney, PhD, Chief Executive Officer. “The Society is positioned for great success in the coming years.”