



SDA Board Position: MAL of Professional Standards

As laid out in the bylaws, the MAL of Professional Standards is responsible for the Professional Standards Committee whose function it is to make recommendations to the Board with respect to:

- a) dietetic practice issues;
- b) Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics;
- c) Continuing Competence program
- d) guidelines of dietetic practice

What type of things does the MAL do?

The MAL attends all of the SDA Board meetings (either in person or via teleconference). There is usually 8-10 meetings per year and they vary in length and location.

Additionally, the MAL oversees the work of the professional standards committee. This committee typically meets via teleconference. Teleconferences are called on an as needed basis. The Registrar typically asks the members of the professional standards committee to review the continuing competence program documents (self-assessment, learning plan) before they are sent out at renewal and the forms are revised as needed. The Registrar and/or MAL of Professional Standards would also seek feedback into the review and/or development of the policies and procedures for things related to professional standards.

One of the major tasks of the professional standards committee members is to conduct the audit of the continuing competence program. The MAL, along with the Registrar, oversees the audit process. The MAL may assist the Registrar in doing the orientation, matching up the members/auditors, participating in the de-briefing teleconference and overseeing if there are any reconciliations that require a second opinion.

The major task of the MAL of Professional Standards is to review learning plans. Although he/she would do this though out the year as new learning plans are submitted, the majority of the work is during renewal season when the MAL must review completed learning plans and newly submitted learning plans. This is done via the SDA website via the internet.

Estimated number of hours: 45-50 hours/year

A minimum of 8 meetings per year with the SDA Board.

A min of 2 teleconferences per year with the professional standards committee, lasting about 1 hour each. The majority of the work with reviewing the learning plans occurs during January-April.