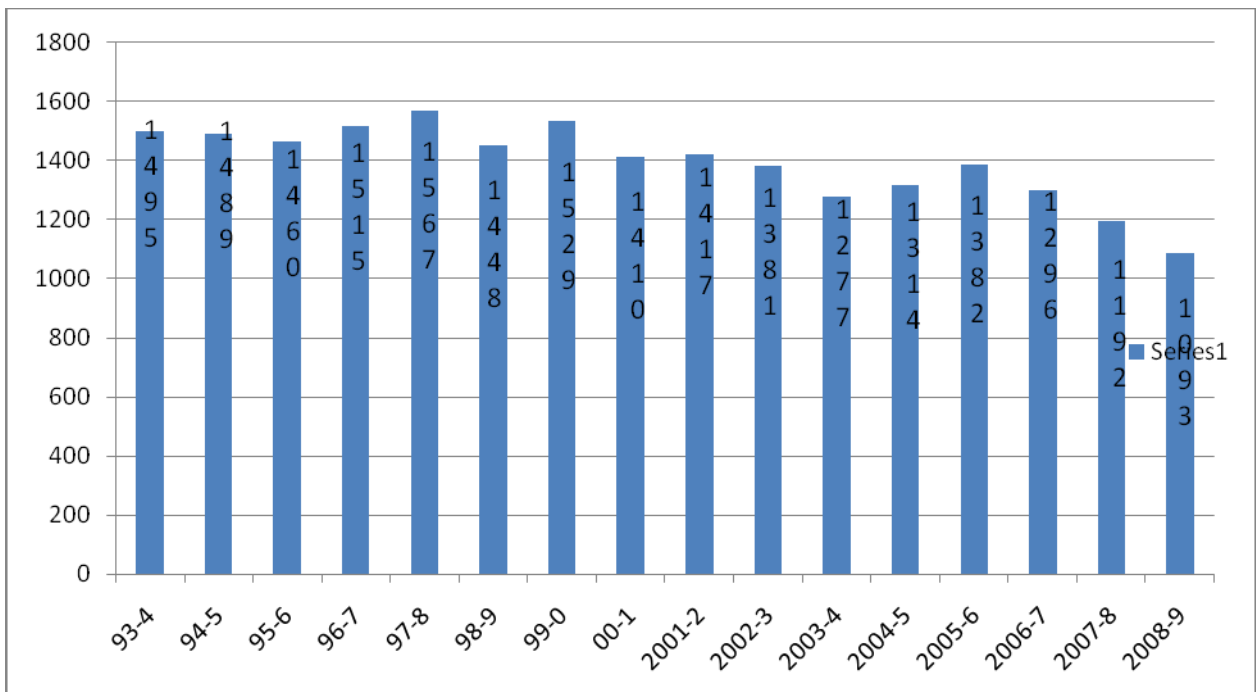




**Nutrition Education for the Public (NEP) Dietetic Practice Group (DPG)
Annual Report 2008-09
Prepared by Sharon McDonald, MEd, RD, LDN – Past Chair**

DPG Membership

Membership for 2008-09 was 1093 members, 83 of which were student members. This was an 8 % decline in membership from the previous year. Student membership from the previous year was not available.



Administration

- NEP Guiding Principles were updated to reflect the strategic plan and were approved by the Executive Committee (EC) in spring 2009.
- Job descriptions for new committee positions were drafted.
- E-blasts and listserv announcements sent to membership for position paper/abstract reviewers. Respondent names forwarded to ADA.

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- Dropped member survey completed. Most common reason for dropped membership related to financial choices and need to limit number of DPG's affiliated with, change in career needs or desire to try different DPG's.
- Sharon McDonald, MEd, RD, LDN and Sharon Piano, MS, RD represented NEP at the ADA Leadership Institute in June 2008.
- Due to the resignation of the 2008-09 chair-elect, the EC appointed Kat Soltanmorad, RD.

Leadership

The EC held one face-to-face meeting and one conference call to discuss the strategic plan, Program of Work, budget and replacement for chair-elect. Officers for the 2008-09:

- Chair – Sharon McDonald, MEd, RD, LDN
- Chair-elect – Kat Soltanmorad, RD (appointed Spring of 2009)
- Secretary – Mary Anne Burkman, MPH, RD
- Treasurer – Beverly Demetrius, EdD, RD, LD
- Past Chair – Karen Bakies, RD, LD
- Nominating Committee Chair – Kathleen Morgan, DMH, DTR

The EC and committee chairs held one face-to-face meeting and four conference calls to discuss the Program of Work and DPG activities. Committee chairs for 2008-09 were:

- External Funding – Vivian Haley-Zitlin, PhD, RD
- Nominating Committee Chair-elect – Karen Ensle, EdD, RD
- Communications Chair – Laura Chalela-Hoover, MPH, RD
- Legislative and Public Policy Chair – Kat Soltanmorad, RD
- Website Content Coordinator – Sharon Piano, MS, RD

The Nominating Committee prepared a slate ballot and conducted an online approval process.

Financial Outcomes

Revenue	Actual FY 2008/09	Budgeted FY 2008/09
Membership Dues	\$26,965	\$30,000
Grants/Contracts	\$6,000	\$1,500
Investment Income	\$-13,596	\$0
Total Revenue	\$19,369	\$31,500
Expenses	\$33,705	\$58,440
Deficit	(\$14,335)	(26,940)

NEP purchased a table at the ADAF FNCE 2008 Gala for \$1750.

NEP made a 3-year commitment to the ADAF 21st Century Club for \$2100. A \$700 donation was made this year (year one).

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Member Services

- NEP provided five Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo(FNCE) Student Stipends in the total amount of \$500.
- NEP listserv continued to be a valued member service with membership increasing to 210 members (19% increase).
- The NEP website www.dietetics.com/nepdpg continued to provide resources for members under the direction of Sharon Piano. A committee was formed consisting of Laura Graney, MS, RD, CD and Karen Bakies, RD, LD to explore ways to further improve the website.
- A student membership fee was approved for the 2009-10 year of \$15 to recruit more student members.

Continuing Education & Professional Development

- NEP co-sponsored with Hunger and Environmental (HEN) DPG the session: *Food Access & Community Partnerships: Steps to Reducing Health Disparities* at FNCE 2008 in Chicago, IL. Presenters were: Joan Nachmani, MS and Tara Hatala, RD
- NEP co-sponsored a webinar with Dietitians in Business and Communications (DBC) DPG titled: *Nutrient Rich Foods: A Positive Approach to Building Health Diets* in November of 2008. Presenters were: Adam Drewnowski, PhD and Amy Mobley, PhD, RD

Awards

- NEP awarded three NEP student members scholarships to FNCE 2008 for \$250 each. Awardees were Adrienne Raimo, Edith Clogg and Temika Handfield.
- The NEP Award of Excellence 2008 went to Lynn James, MS, RD, LDN for the *Family Fitness Program*.
- There were no nominations for NEP Outstanding Member Award.

Publications

- Networking News – NEP's premier newsletter published four issues (two hard print and two electronic)
 - Summer 2008 – *Use of Technology in Nutrition Education: Emerging Trends*
 - Fall 2008 – *Food Access and Community Partnerships: Steps for Reducing Health Disparities*
 - Winter 2009 – *Change: New WIC Food Packages*, included a handout *WIC foods for Children and Pregnant Women*
 - Spring 2009 – *Fit and Frugal?* , included a handout *Going Mediterranean on a Budget at the Grocery Store*

Corporate Sponsorship

- United Soybean Board and Zespri Kiwifruit sponsored the member luncheon at FNCE 2008, Chicago, IL.