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**SUBJECT: **ACADEMY POSITIONS- CALL FOR POTENTIAL AUTHORS,
REVIEWERS, AND CONTENT ADVISORS****

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, through the Academy Positions Committee (APC), is beginning the process of updating the following positions papers:

- *Health Implications of Dietary Fiber*
- *Vegetarian Diets*
- *Providing Nutrition Services for Infants, Children, and Adults With Development Disabilities and Special Health Care Needs*

The Academy is also beginning the process of updating the following position paper and developing a new practice paper:

- *Promoting and Supporting Breastfeeding*

APC is asking you to identify individuals who would be qualified to serve as an author of the position/practice paper, a reviewer of the draft paper and/or a content advisor to provide guidance during the update of the position paper.

Author Qualifications

An author needs to meet the following criteria: demonstrates good writing skills, thorough and current knowledge of the topic, the ability to synthesize scientific data and the ability to meet deadlines. The individual must have the ability to participate in several conference calls (4-6) during the period of position development. More than one author can be selected. An author's commitment to developing a paper is 12-18 months. The author will have staff support at the Academy Headquarters.

Reviewer Qualifications

Reviewers need to have critical thinking skills, writing ability, in-depth knowledge of the subject and current practice experience, as well as availability to accommodate a 30-day turnaround. Organizational units, such as DPGs, may review a position paper as a group or may suggest individuals to serve in this capacity.

Content Advisor Qualifications

The content advisor will be a key member of the APC workgroup. The selected individual must be an expert in the field, demonstrating thorough and current knowledge of the topic. The content advisor will participate on all APC workgroup conference calls (4-6) during the period of position development and must have the ability to meet deadlines. The individual will assist the workgroup in understanding the current science and practice of dietetics in the subject area.

Names, Addresses, Phone Numbers and E-mail Addresses Needed

For each individual suggested, please submit name, address, phone number and e-mail **as soon as possible**. The information may be e-mailed to Donna L. Wickstrom, Academy Headquarters, at dwickstrom@eatright.org. Individuals will receive, via email, an invitation to apply and a request to submit her/his curriculum vitae.

Recognition for Authors, Reviewers, and Content Advisor

Those involved in the development of the position paper will be acknowledged at the end of the position paper when it is published in the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*. Those involved in the development of the practice paper will be acknowledged at the end of the paper when it is published. The abstract will be published in the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*. The entire practice paper will be published on the Academy Website (member only) as a member benefit. It will be available for a fee on the Academy's Shop Online for non-members, other health professionals and the public.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Donna L. Wickstrom (800/877-1600, ext. 4835 or dwickstrom@eatright.org)