

## **Board Update**

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To: AADE Coordinating Bodies and Members  
From: Chuck Macfarlane, CEO  
Board Meeting Date: April 27-28, 2018

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The American Association of Diabetes Educators Board of Directors met on April 27-28, 2018 and discussed several items of interest to the membership. A brief summary is provided below.

### **Vision Initiative**

The Board devoted a day to reviewing the stakeholder outreach it has conducted as part of its initiative to establish a long-term vision for the specialty. Outreach was conducted with people with diabetes, AADE members, providers, payers and AADE leaders. The Board then initiated discussion on a vision that would ensure optimal health for those with or at risk for diabetes by ensuring that the “educator” of the future is prepared to work with those individuals at the intersection of self-management and clinical management, in order to individualize the care and optimize outcomes.

The Board expects to refine its vision for the specialty in the coming months through the discussion and input of additional stakeholder comments. As this vision will have implications for all AADE members, we encourage you to watch for more information and for your opportunity to comment and contribute. We expect to share additional information at AADE18 in Baltimore, August 17-20.

### **Strategic Initiatives**

The Board had the opportunity to hear and discuss progress on several strategic plan initiatives. These included the final development stages of AADE’s Diabetes Advance Network Access (DANA) a technology portal that will include a complete device catalog, educational resources, our Technology Community of Interest, and a technology news and research section. The site is currently scheduled to launch at AADE18.

AADE’s progress toward a thought leader summit in diversity continues. The summit will explore the diversity of our workforce, communities served, and ability to provide culturally competent care.

### **Other Topics**

The Board discussed our federal legislative effort to remove barriers to DSMT in the Medicare program.

The Board approved our 2018 award recipients, as well as enhancements to our recognition of these individuals. Recipients will be announced at AADE18 in Baltimore. In addition to our awards, the Board will also recognize members who participated in the multiple hurricane relief efforts last year.

The Board received the report of our 2017 financial audit from our audit firm Clifton Allen Larson, which was deemed a “clean” audit.

The Board also received the report of the Nominating Committee, including the election slate of candidates for President-Elect, Treasurer, Board Director (four seats), Nominating Committee (four seats). The Board wished all of the candidates well.

Finally, the Board discussed the Exit Interview Summary from our annual conversation with Board members completing their term on the Board. Actions from that activity included a review of existing Board Mentorship Guidelines for clarity and focus; a recommendation to conduct future Board Exit Interviews as a group exercise at the November Board Meeting for efficiency; and an observation that the selection of Board Committee Chairs should be standardized and transparent. Overall, Board members were very pleased with their Board experience and felt they gained more from the experience than they were required to invest.

As a reminder, each Coordinating Body has a Board member appointed to serve as its liaison to the Board. These individuals are happy to talk with you about any issues that are concerning to your state. Find out who your Board liaison is [HERE](#).