

**NOVEMBER 2008**

### INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 7139

For DMA, history was made on September 26, 2008 when Congressmen David Davis of Tennessee, Tim Johnson of Illinois and Tom Latham of Iowa introduced H.R. 7139, a piece of legislation that for the first time recognizes Certified Dietary Managers and clarifies the kind of training that food service directors in long term care facilities need to have.

Legislation submitted to the US House of Representatives September 26, 2008 (HR Bill 7139) calls for CDM, CFPPs. Here is an excerpt:

"DIRECTOR OF FOOD SERVICES OF A MEDICARE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY OR A MEDICAID NURSING FACILITY...the full-time director of food services of the facility, if not a qualified dietitian (as defined in section 483.35(a)(2) of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect as of the date of the enactment of this section), shall be a Certified Dietary Manager meeting the requirements of the Certifying Board for Dietary Managers or have equivalent military or academic qualifications."

More details will be available in the Nov./Dec. issue of DIETARY MANAGER magazine. We need your assistance in helping to pass HR 7139! [Please visit the DMA website to learn how you can help!](#)

### DATES & DEADLINES

November 1	Deadline for budget submission Email: <a href="mailto:chapters@DMAonline.org">chapters@DMAonline.org</a> Fax: 630.587.6308
November 19	Chapter Chat- Spring Meeting Ideas
January 15	Chapter Chat- Website Information
February 2-6	Pride in Foodservice Week
February 17	Chapter Chat- Membership Recruitment and Retention
April 13-17	Hunger Week

Be sure to go to the DMA website at  
<http://www.dmaonline.org/Docs/Bill7139.doc>  
to view the draft letter you can use to send to your  
Representative!

# FEATURED NEWS

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## DROPPED MEMBERS LIST

A list of members from each state who did not renew their membership will be sent this month to the President, Secretary, and Membership Chair. Watch your mailboxes for more information!

## 2009 STATE ANNIVERSARIES

The year 2009 is quickly approaching and several chapters will have significant anniversaries to celebrate. Congratulations to the following chapters:

Hawaii: 30 Years  
Iowa: 45 Years  
Maryland: 40 Years  
Minnesota: 40 Years  
Missouri: 40 Years  
New Jersey: 40 Years  
New York: 40 Years  
North Carolina: 40 Years  
North Dakota: 40 Years  
Oregon: 40 Years  
South Carolina: 35 Years  
Tennessee: 45 Years  
Texas: 40 Years  
Wisconsin: 45 Years

## VOLUNTEER SURVEY

Please click the link below to participate in the quarterly DMA volunteer survey. We would love to get your feedback! Please forward this link to your fellow officers. Thank you for your time!

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=EQ129jk1di1F5SW7uF3NMw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=EQ129jk1di1F5SW7uF3NMw_3d_3d)

## REGIONAL MEETINGS

2009 DMA REGIONAL MEETINGS

# YOU'RE INVITED

**DMA Regional Meeting**  
**March 25-27, 2009**  
Hyatt on Capitol Square  
Columbus, Ohio

**OR**

**DMA Regional Meeting**  
**April 15-17, 2009**  
Marriott St. Louis  
St. Louis, Missouri

**DMA regional meetings bring the annual meeting experience closer to home, region by region!**

Enjoy high-powered education and professional development, earn CE, and meet many of your professional "neighbors" for first-rate networking. All DMA members are welcome at regional meetings.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!**

Registration opens Dec. 15: [www.DMAonline.org](http://www.DMAonline.org)



# CHAPTER CHAT

**THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:** Spring Meeting Ideas.

**DATE AND TIME:** November 19, 2008. 3:00 p.m. CST.

Chapter Chat is a fun and easy way to get more involved in DMA! This program is a series of scheduled monthly conference calls for DMA chapter volunteers to receive training, discuss important chapter issues, and network with staff and fellow volunteers. Each month will feature a different topic for specific volunteers facilitated by Chapter Relations Staff. Please note that Chapter Chat is now taking place at various days and times.

The number is (800) 444-9007 – Conference ID # 8763368345. We look forward to talking with you soon!

Month	Topic	Volunteer
November 19 <sup>th</sup> 3pm CST	Spring Meeting Planning Ideas, (online training, programming checklist, MIB, vendor support)	Program Planner
January 15 <sup>th</sup> 3pm CST	Website Information	President, Webmaster
February 17 <sup>th</sup> 2pm CST	Membership Recruitment, Retention & Incentives	Secretary; Membership Chair

March 18th 3pm CST	Financial information- Taxes, rebates, fundraising ideas.	President; Treasurer
May 20 <sup>th</sup> 3pm CST	Award Review	President; Secretary; Spokesperson; Newsletter Editors
June 17 <sup>th</sup> 2pm CST	Officer Reports & Fall Meeting Planning Ideas	President Elect
July 15 <sup>th</sup> 2pm CST	Review AM schedule for volunteers	Volunteers attending Annual Meeting
August 19th 3pm CST	Chapter Visit Preparation	Presidents receiving a visit

## BEST PRACTICE OF THE MONTH

### Letter to Administrators of Potential Volunteers

Many times members are reluctant to volunteer because they do not feel they have the support of their administrator. Why not take the difficulty of asking for that support off the shoulders of the potential volunteers? Send a letter to the administrator of a potential volunteer asking for his/her support of not only the member, but of DMA in general. By getting the support of the administrator up front, you will hopefully not have the problem with volunteers who have trouble getting time off for meetings, projects, etc.

Is there a Best Practice that you would like to be highlighted in an upcoming Volunteer Leader? Contact Kim [kdemoulin@DMAonline.org](mailto:kdemoulin@DMAonline.org) with a brief description and how it has impacted your chapter.

## TRIVIA CHALLENGE

**Q.** Who is DMA's current Chair of the Board of Directors?

Be sure to send in your answers to [chapters@DMAonline.org](mailto:chapters@DMAonline.org)!

*Last month's question: In what year was Dietary Manager Magazine launched and who was the first editor?*

*Answer: Diane Everett has been Editor-in-Chief since the magazine was first launched almost 18 years ago.*

<b>HOT LINKS</b>	
Meeting in a Box	<a href="http://www.DMAonline.org/mib">www.DMAonline.org/mib</a>
State Achievement Award Application	<a href="http://www.DMAonline.org/Members/VolunteerResources/Docs/StateAchievementAward.xls">www.DMAonline.org/Members/VolunteerResources/Docs/StateAchievementAward.xls</a>
Achievement Award Instructions	<a href="http://www.DMAonline.org/Members/VolunteerResources/Docs/SAIInstructions.pdf">www.DMAonline.org/Members/VolunteerResources/Docs/SAIInstructions.pdf</a>
Volunteer Resources Library	<a href="http://www.DMAonline.org/Members/VolunteerResources/">www.DMAonline.org/Members/VolunteerResources/</a>

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