



COLLEGE OF DIETITIANS
OF ALBERTA

Introducing Your Council for 2018/2019

Returning Council Members



Kenton Delisle - President

Kenton Delisle manages the nutrition portfolio as Senior Policy Lead in the Health and Wellness Promotion Branch of Alberta Health. His dietetic career has afforded him the opportunity to explore a wide variety of traditional and non-traditional roles, with a public and population health focus. With a Master of Health Sciences and having worked for provincial governments in Alberta and British Columbia, the University of Alberta, for the agri-food industry, Kenton brings a unique perspective to Council. He is committed to serving the people of Alberta on the traditional territories of our many Indigenous peoples now recognized as Treaties 6, 7, and 8 Territories, and the Metis Nation of Alberta.



Anna Farmer – President-Elect

Dr. Anna Farmer is Associate Professor of Community and Public Health Nutrition in the Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science at the University of Alberta for the last ten years. She teaches courses in community and public health nutrition. Her research focuses on understanding food and nutrition behaviours and policy adoption at the individual and organizational level.

Anna is Academic Lead for the Dietetics Specialization and Honours Program at the University of Alberta. Anna has been a Registered Dietitian since 1989. She has held several positions as a public health and research dietitian in public and government settings.

Anna's significant work on a national level gives her a very unique perspective on dietetic practice across the country. Anna is passionate about public health nutrition and is looking forward to her fourth year assisting the Council in their strategic vision of the future scope of practice in population and public health nutrition.



Jody Brudler – Past-President

Jody is currently Nutrition Services Child Health Manager, Edmonton Zone in Alberta Health Services. She has had a variety of professional experiences over the past 20 years from which she brings knowledge and understanding of both traditional and non-traditional roles of dietitians in both urban and rural settings. Jody has enjoyed participating on the College Council for the past 4 years and is excited to represent Registered Dietitians this year.



Robin Anderson - Councilor

Robin is entering her fourth year on council. Previously she served on council for 5 years and was president in 2009-2010. Robin is as Primary Care Manager with the Edmonton Southside Primary Care Network. Previously, she was co-owner/partner of Revive Wellness Inc. These positions, combined with over 25 years of practicing as a Registered Dietitian in both hospital, primary care and private practice settings, allows Robin to offer a thorough understanding of the perspective of dietitians working in primary care and private practice and also allows her to draw on her experiences with management and organizational leadership.



Diane Hoy - Councilor

Diane is looking forward to bringing a wealth of experience and a passion for the field of nutrition to Council. Her 26 years of work have afforded her opportunities to work in private practice, in hospitals and predominantly in communities with clients and stakeholders from agencies, organizations, academic institutions, government departments and many others. She has mentored many dietetic interns to develop their public health nutrition core competencies.

Diane's current role is as a Public Health Nutrition Provincial Lead in Alberta Health Services where she leads provincial working groups to identify objectives, strategies, initiatives and projects aligned with both provincial and zone priorities; leads the development and evaluation of initiatives; and supports zones with implementation of initiatives.



Jillyan Jay - Councilor

Jillyan is a Dietitian with Alberta Health Services in Grande Prairie. She completed her Bachelor of Science, Foods and Nutrition Major and dietetic internship program at the University of Prince Edward Island. She has been a dietitian for 14 years, starting her career as a clinical dietitian and has been working in Population Public Health for the past 12 years. Working in northern Alberta for most of her career, Jillyan has enjoyed a variety of work experiences including resource and program development, group education, and leadership. She is a dedicated and passionate dietitian who strives to effectively communicate not only evidence-based nutrition messages but the value, expertise and evolution of the profession. She is looking forward to her third year on the College's Council.



Kathryn Taxbock - Councilor

Kathryn has been a dietitian for 14 years. She currently works as Lead Counselling Dietitian with the Centre for Family Nutrition in Calgary. As a dietitian having worked at the federal, provincial and private sector levels, she brings a broad perspective to the table. She is looking forward to her second year on council.



Raelyn Baker - Councilor

Raelyn is currently Nutrition Services Team Lead, South Zone in Alberta Health Services. Her main portfolio is in Chronic Disease Management, Outpatient Nutrition, and Population Public Health. Raelyn has had a variety of professional experiences in both clinical and leadership roles which allows her to see things from varying perspectives. Raelyn is passionate about nutrition and the ever-evolving field of Dietetics. She is excited to spend another year collaborating with Council to see how things grow and evolve as we strive to achieve the College's strategic goals.

New Council Members



Shannon Rendall – Councilor

Shannon is currently a Nutrition Services Manager in Adult Care with Alberta Health Services in Edmonton Zone. With 10+ years' experience in supervisory and management roles within Nutrition and Food Services, she looks forward to collaborating with other council members and representing Registered Dietitians from all areas of practice.

Returning Public Council Members



Stephen Donaldson – Public Member

Dr. Stephen Donaldson retired from Emergency Medical Services in 2012 as the provincial EMS Director of Learning and Development for Alberta Health Services. Steve was a registered Paramedic in Alberta for over 33 years, first with the City of Calgary Emergency Medical Services then with Alberta Health Services and is a recipient of the Canadian Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal and the Alberta Emergency Services Medal. Dr. Donaldson holds a doctorate in health studies and has consulted for numerous organizations including the Health Quality Council of Alberta, the Canadian Red Cross, and the Alberta College of Paramedics.

New Public Council Members



Geoff Rabbie – Public Member

Geoff has over 18 years of experience in information technology and information systems management primarily in the healthcare sector. His experience is spread across both the private and public sectors and focused on strategic planning, project management, business analysis, and change management. In addition to his Bachelor of Science in Economics, Geoff is a certified Project Management Professional and is trained in PROSCI change management. Geoff is looking forward to his first year on Council, leveraging his experience, and working with his fellow Council Members.



Julie Davis – Public Member

Julie is currently a rural community consultant at Alberta's Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP). She resides in Lethbridge and works with rural south zone communities in their efforts to attract and retain healthcare providers. She practiced as a Registered Midwife in New Zealand and has worked in both professional association and regulatory roles for the profession in Canada. She comes to council with experience as a clinical content specialist in the continuing professional development department of the Association of Midwives, and Senior Midwifery Consultant for the Department of Health and Social Services, at the Government of the Northwest Territories. She has experience in future service re-design, stakeholder engagement, and regulatory system strengthening. Julie is looking forward to her first year contributing to the council.

Outgoing Council Members On behalf of the College and Council, we wish her all the best.



Lorna Driedger

Lorna has completed her sixth year on Council. Lorna was honoured to have served as President of the College of Dietitians of Alberta during her term on Council and to have served with the proficient College staff and Council members.