



Laura Eckert
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IAND Board Application

(Term Year June 2026 - May 2027)



Education

What is your education background (Bachelors, Masters, PhD). What special certifications do you have?

Master of Arts in Nutrition, Bachelors in Dietetics
Serv Safe certified July 2025
Lean Six Sigma- Yellow Belt Certification

Current Job Position

Describe your current job description and how your role would contribute to a diverse IAND Board.

As a Clinical Nutrition Supervisor for a large health system in Fort Wayne, Indiana, I oversee the outpatient oncology dietitian team and manage all dietetic intern and student coordination across the health system. My role is centered on leadership, team development, and cultivating the next generation of dietetic professionals. With over 13 years of experience, I possess a deep understanding of the profession's complexities and the need for collaborative, team-based strategies to expand dietetics.

Academia

Clinical

Outpatient

Foodservice

Long Term Care

Private Practice

Fitness/Wellness

Community Nutrition

Renal/Dialysis

Prior Experience

Are there any special skills/qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities that you want to highlight?

A key skill I want to highlight is my process improvement, demonstrated by earning the Lean Six Sigma- Yellow Belt Certification in 2025. I utilized problem solving and collaboration, in partnership with a food service management leader, to obtain a successful outcome. By optimizing the inpatient trayline beverage delivery (switching to fountain drinks), we generated \$20,000 in cost savings for the health system.

Involvement with the AND on a National, State or District/Region Level

Summarize your involvement and participation in AND activities.

Currently I utilize my AND membership to participate in continuing education and to stay informed with our dietetics profession.

Leadership Experience

Summarize any other leadership experiences that may benefit this position.

For the past two and a half years, I have served as a volunteer Program Reviewer for ACEND. This role has provided me with invaluable leadership expertise in professional governance, where I've collaborated with seasoned dietitian leaders to ensure the quality of dietetics education programs. This experience directly enhances my responsibilities as a Clinical Nutrition Supervisor, particularly in coordinating high-quality dietetic intern experiences.

Goals for the Position

What new ideas or goals do you have for this position? What do you bring to the IAND State Board that will help build up Registered Dietitians in Indiana?

My goals for this position center on expanding IAND's influence and fostering professional growth. I'd aim to utilize professional digital platforms to capture broader audiences and powerfully convey the importance of the dietetics professional. Furthermore, I'd leverage my established connections with dietetic interns, program directors, and preceptors to actively recruit and mentor future dietetic professionals, directly contributing to the growth of the profession of dietetics in Indiana.

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete.

Name	Laura Eckert
Electronic Signature	I understand that typing my name constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and agree the facts set forth above are true and complete.
Date	12/15/25

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When completed, please send it to Jenni Browning (Nominating Committee Chair) at browning@winnersdrinkmilk.com. Include a headshot as well with completed nomination form as an attachment. This will be used for the voting ballot.

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with us.