BACKGROUND
Each year the Idaho Academy Board reviews and updates their strategic plan. In 2015, we revised our mission and vision statements.

MISSION
Empower the Idaho RDN.

VISION
Enhance skills, knowledge, and networking opportunities to empower Idaho RDNs to be the food and nutrition experts.

2015-2016 STRATEGIES
01 Gain a seat at state and local tables during a statewide healthcare transformation;
02 Collect and present state-wide data demonstrating value of RDN services;
03 Address updates to Idaho’s Licensure; and
04 Communicate to members and stakeholders through website and social media.

A SEAT AT THE TABLE
The Governor of Idaho appointed an RDN to the state healthcare coalition. This appointment has given RDNs access to healthcare transformation resources and provided many opportunities to talk one-on-one with patient-centered medical home pilot clinic providers.

DATA COLLECTION AND PRESENTATION
President Caroline Keegan and President-Elect Megan Williams presented to the Idaho Legislature House and Senate Health and Welfare Committees in February 2016. Over 30 members attended one or both presentations.

RESOURCES AND COMMUNICATION

CONCLUSION
Our affiliate’s efforts, especially the appointment of a member on the state coalition, are crucial to promoting RDNs in primary care clinics. Expanding the influence of the Idaho dietitian helps to promote all RDNs in their area of practice and as the food and nutrition expert.