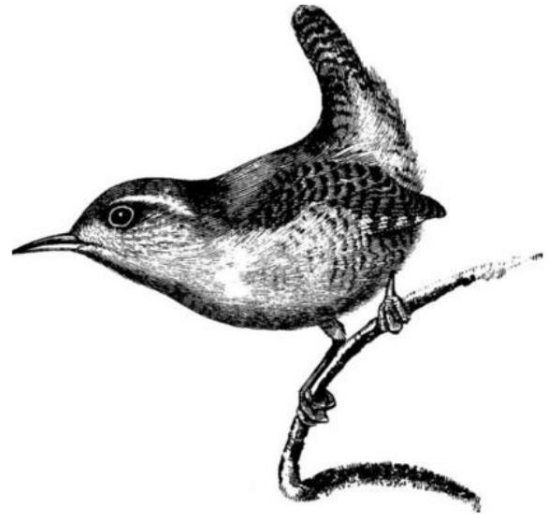


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2025-2026 SCANFP Executive Board members took the Oath of Office on Friday, June 27, 2025. From left to right: Stephanie R. Charnovic , Chair-Elect; Brandy Layne (not pictured, but conferencing in), Chair; Paige Thibault, Treasurer; Sheila Fudge, Vice-Chair; Fareeda Alston, Secretary; Audrey Thomas, Immediate Past Chair.

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UPCOMING FALL CONFERENCE * CHAPTER BUZZ * AND MORE**



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From the Chair



HELLO FELLOW SOUTH CAROLINA CDMS!

FIRST OFF, LET ME APOLOGIZE FOR MISSING OUR LAST 1-DAY CONFERENCE AT ROLLING GREEN VILLAGE IN GREENVILLE, SC. I STARTED A NEW JOB THAT WEEK AND WAS NOT ABLE TO GET AWAY ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE WITH THEM, BUT I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK PAIGE AND HER FACILITY FOR ALLOWING US TO BE A PART OF THEIR FAMILY FOR A DAY.

AS SUMMER GETS INTO FULL SWING...SO IS THE SC ANFP! THE BOARD IS LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW YEAR, A NEW US, AND A FEW NEW WAYS TO SERVE YOU...THE MEMBERS. IN THIS DAY AND AGE, WE ARE ALL BUSY WITH THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF OUR DAILY LIVES IN AND OUT OF WORK. NOT ONLY ARE WE MANAGING OUR OWN PERSONAL FAMILIES, BUT ARE ALSO HAVING TO MANAGE OUR "WORK FAMILIES" AS WELL. WITH DAILY CALL OUTS, MEETINGS (THAT COULD HAVE PROBABLY BEEN AN EMAIL), COVERING SHIFTS, WRITING CARE PLANS AND MDS'S, EXACTLY WHEN ARE WE SUPPOSED TO HAVE TIME TO FOCUS ON OUR CREDENTIALS AND GETTING OUR CEU'S.

AS YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY NOTICED, WE BEGAN A NEW WAY OF DOING THINGS THIS YEAR WITH OUR 1-DAY CONFERENCES HELD IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE STATE RATHER THAN HOLDING A 3-DAY SPRING CONFERENCE. WE DID THIS IN THE HOPES OF REACHING AND SERVING MORE OF YOU. LET US KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS NEW PROCESS.

AS ALWAYS, THE BOARD IS ALREADY IN THE PLANNING STAGES OF OUR FALL 3-DAY CONFERENCE IN MYRTLE BEACH. THE DATES FOR THE MEETING ARE OCTOBER 1-3, 2025 AND WE WILL BE RETURNING TO THE GRANDE SHORES HOTEL. IF YOU HAVE SPEAKERS (OR IDEAS FOR SPEAKERS) PLEASE REACH OUT TO YOUR CHAIR-ELECT, STEPHANIE CHARNOVIC. IF YOU HAVE A VENDOR YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE, REACH OUT TO YOUR EXPO-CHAIR, SHEILA FUDGE.

MY PERSONAL FOCUS THIS YEAR FOR THE SC ANFP IS TO BRING US EVEN MORE INTO THE FOREFRONT OF FOODSERVICE AND PROMOTE MORE OF WHAT WE DO AND THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR ROLE IN HEALTHCARE, CORRECTIONS, AND SCHOOLS. OUR BRAND AMBASSADORS, IAN GOODING AND RICK SCHMITT, HAVE ALREADY BEGAN THE PROCESS OF BEING ABLE TO GET IN FRONT OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO REMIND THEM OF WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO.

I AM ALSO WORKING WITH THE BOARD ON A FEW IDEAS TO BRING THE SC ANFP FAMILY TOGETHER A LITTLE MORE OFTEN FOR A FEW DIFFERENT CAUSES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER ON THE BOARD OR A COMMITTEE, PLEASE REACH OUT TO ONE OF THE CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS AND WE CAN GET YOU STARTED. SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEERING, WE ARE LOOKING FOR A SOCIAL MEDIA EXPERT TO HANDLE OUR FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS ALONG WITH A FEW OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES, LET US KNOW IF THAT PERSON IS YOU!

LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER YEAR OF SERVICE FOR THE SC ANFP FAMILY!

BRANDY LAYNE, BSHM, CDM, CFPP
SC ANFP CHAIR

"SPREAD LOVE EVERYWHERE YOU GO. LET NO ONE EVER COME WITHOUT LEAVING HAPPIER."
MOTHER TERESA

ANFP Mission - Build an inclusive and diverse community of experts in foodservice management and food safety through: Education, Advocacy and Research.

MEET THE BOARD



What Volunteering for SC ANFP Means to Me

Hello, I'm Paige Thibault, CDM, CFPP and your Treasurer. I have been a member of the SC chapter since moving back here in 2016. I was solicited by then President, Brandy Layne, at the 2019 fall conference. Brandy asked if I would be interested in running for Vice President. She explained the term & position to me & I agreed.

Somehow, I actually won! I was sworn in to the position in March of 2020. I had no idea what I was doing.

I was extremely fortunate to have Brandy, Rick, Diana, Jeri & Audrey as my fellow board members. Each one brought years of training & insights. They made it so easy for me to do, what I have been told, a great job. I really enjoyed arranging the conferences. I was able to attend ACE in 2023 for free thanks to being a board member.

Fast forward to 2025, I will be sworn in as your Treasurer. This is a role that needed to be filled & I had no qualms about stepping up again. I have been the interim Treasurer since October 2024. I am learning a lot and enjoying it so far very much! I am very invested in our chapter. I want the best for our members.

I would encourage everyone to think about how much you enjoy our education & networking opportunities. They are only made possible by our volunteers. I would like to ask you to consider supporting & assisting our chapter through volunteering now & throughout the future.

Thank you again for your trust in me. I look forward to serving you all!
Paige



SCANFP's Superheroes of Nutrition Fall Conference & Expo

October 1-3, 2025

Grande Shores Ocean Resort
Myrtle Beach, SC

Group Rates Available

Code: SCANFP #3403180

Reservations: 877-798-4074

Grande Shores Front Desk: 843-692-4000



Sheila Fudge, CDM, CFPP
SC ANFP Vice Chair



My name is Sheila Fudge. I am a Certified Dietary Manager, CFPP, and a Holistic Weight Loss Coach. I have been in the industry since 2012. I've been a member of ANFP since 2018. I have a passion for Health & Nutrition. I love being able to help people reach their goals in lifestyle changes. I am married for almost 22 years. I have 2 daughters and 1 bonus son. I have 6 grandchildren whom I love very much.

My desire is to contribute to the organization's success by working alongside others and learning all that I can about the association. I aspire to expand my skills by experience and becoming a more versatile member. I commit to following the policies and procedures of the SCANFP. I will adhere to the Vision & Mission statement and comply to the By Laws.



Gilbert Foodservice, Inc.



INTRODUCING



Lyons Magnus and Hormel Health Labs have united to create Lyons Health Labs.

Distributors, healthcare providers and consumers will continue to enjoy approachable nutritional solutions that have helped millions of people manage dysphagia and involuntary weight loss.

Consumers will still enjoy the same great brands like Mightyshake®, Magic Cup®, Med Pass®, Thick & Easy®, and ReadyCare®.



CONTACT YOUR SALES REP WITH ANY QUESTIONS

Industry Partners Make it Happen!

The SC Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals is thankful for the relationships that it has enjoyed with so many companies over the years. Your support during food shows, expos, providing educational and inspirational speakers, and providing meals for the members has greatly impacted the success of our seminars and conferences. Beyond that, many of you visit us in our operations providing insight into your products, collaborating on solutions, and offering general support. That's what Makes it Happen! We thank you all!



SCANFP is a proud supporter of the NFEF.
On May 22, 2025, we received the following
letter from the NFEF Chair,

Dear South Carolina ANFP:

On behalf of the Nutrition & Foodservice Education Foundation (NFEF) Board of Trustees,
THANK YOU for your continued support and generous donation of \$414 to the Chapter
Champion program.

Your chapter's donation will provide the assistance needed for certified members to
continue serving in the industry as the leading experts at managing foodservice
operations and ensuring food safety, participate in networking activities, and receive
continuing education and full membership benefits of ANFP.

Your chapter has received special Chapter Champion badging on the South Carolina
ANFP and Foundation websites. Please visit www.NFEFoundation.org for updates on
Foundation initiatives and more information about the Chapter Champion Member
Support Grant which will become available on June 1, 2025.

Thank you, South Carolina ANFP, for staying committed to growing this program and
showing support to CDM, CFPPs, and making a difference!

Nancy Merkel, CDM, CFPP
Chair



Meet Your Brand Ambassador Ian Gooding, CDM, CFPP

Ian is a Certified ServSafe Instructor and Proctor currently working for the South Carolina Department of Corrections as a Foodservice Director/Food Inspector. He is a former Sergeant First Class of the US Army specializing in hospital foodservice and culinary arts. Ian has also worked as a criminal investigator on the island of Barbados. He brings extensive experience in food safety, culinary arts and public service to your board. Mr. Gooding also holds an Associate Degree in Technology from Pierce College.



SCANFP 2025-2026 Budget Disclosure

Current Chapter Balance (June 2025) \$19,434.00

Revenue Projection

Registration Fees \$15,000.00

Vendor Sponsorship 5,000.00

Chapter Rebates 1,600.00

Total Revenue Projection \$21,600.00

Projected Chapter Operating Funds \$41,034.00

Expenses

Workshop/Conference \$7,860.00

Exec. Board Hotel Rooms 3,200.00

Administrator's CEUs Fees 200.00

ANFP ACE Annual Conference 2,500.00

Chapter Leaders Bonding 100.00

Annual Financial Audit 1,000.00

Office Supplies 400.00

Electronics & Updates 4,000.00

Communications/Postage 100.00

Gifts/Awards 500.00

Brand Ambassador Events 2,500.00

Hunger Week 500.00

Merchandise 2,500.00

NFEF Chapter Champion 400.00

Membership 2,400.00

Bank Fees 100.00

Total Expenses \$28,260.00

Total Profit/Loss \$12,774.00

Current Board

Brandy Layne, CDM, CFPP
Chair

Stephanie Charnovic, CDM, CFPP
Chair Elect

Sheila Fudge, CDM, CFPP
Vendor/Expo Chair

Fareeda Alston, CDM, CFPP
Secretary

Paige Thibault, CDM, CFPP
Treasurer

Audrey Thomas, CDM, CFPP
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Education Committee Chair

Rick Schmitt, CDM, CFPP
Webmaster/Newsletter Editor

Brian O'Reilly, CDM, CFPP
Senior Editor

Call For Volunteers

Your Chapter Wants You!

It takes many talents to govern the SCANFP. Consider what you could do to help raise the bar of the association. As a member, your voice matters. You can help shape the future of nutrition and foodservice in South Carolina.

Contact a Board Member to see what you can do for your chapter

SCANFP Members

Remember to update your Profile information when you renew your ANFP Membership. This helps us all stay in touch with important association news and offers and assures that you are a member in South Carolina.



**CDMs
Update Your
Disaster Plans!**



SCDA Now in Charge of Restaurant Inspections, Milk Safety, More

As of July 1, 2024, many food safety duties that were part of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) are now handled by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA).

The change is a result of legislation passed in May 2023 that eliminated DHEC and divided its programs among existing and new agencies.

- Our new Retail Food Safety department regulates restaurant kitchens, grocery store delis, caterers, school cafeterias, some convenience stores, and certain other establishments that prepare food for on-site consumption.
- Milk Safety regulates fluid milk and grade "A" milk products such as yogurt.
- SCDA's Laboratory Services department has taken over the Milk Lab and will be responsible for testing fluid milk samples and some milk products.
- Businesses that were regulated by the former DHEC Manufactured Foods program – including ice, soft drinks, bottled water, frozen desserts, butter and cheese – are now regulated by SCDA's existing Food Safety program, which oversees food manufacturing at the wholesale level.

While retail food safety officers are now based in the regions where they work, all administration has been centralized at SCDA's State Farmers Market Campus. DHEC's regional offices are no longer accepting payments or services relating to Retail Food Safety.

For more information and updates go to <https://agriculture.sc.gov/dhectransfer/>



2026 Annual Conference & Expo (ACE)

June 15-17, 2026

Rosen Centre Hotel

Orlando, FL

State Awards

SCANFP offers its members the chance to nominate industry colleagues for awards based on their achievements and support of the ANFP mission. These awards are: Certified Dietary Manager of the Year, Registered Dietitian of the Year, and Administrator of the Year.

Nominations must be received by Brandy Layne, Chair, on or before September 1, 2025.

Certified Dietary Manager of the Year Award:

- ☐ Must have been a certified member of Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals for at least 3 years.
- ☐ Must be current on all ANFP dues.
- ☐ Has taken the step to become a South Carolina ANFP volunteer by serving as a State Officer, or committee member.
- ☐ Must be nominated by a fellow member of ANFP, Dietitian, Administration or Peer at his/her facility.
- ☐ Must have attended state meetings.
- ☐ Must attend at least one (1) workshops a year.
- ☐ Must have volunteered to support state organization.
- ☐ Have never left outstanding balance for workshops.
- ☐ Is a member in good standing with SCANFP

Registered Dietitian of the Year Award:

- ☐ Is active in the community (Sponsorship-Speaker Participation)
- ☐ Assists the Dietary manager in providing education to the department members based on identified learning objectives, learning styles, and provides adequate resources to meet these needs.
- ☐ Establishes a system for regularly communicating key issues between the Dietary Manager and Administration.
- ☐ Provides the Dietary Managers with information to make reasonable and effective decisions on behalf of the department.
- ☐ Provides Dietary manager with all the current knowledge on clinical and Administrative practices to create an effectively managed department.
- ☐ Encourages and supports the Dietary Manager to participate in the state Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals.
- ☐ Ensures that the Dietary Manager is an integral part of the health care team and organization.
- ☐ Supports and provides necessary statistics to maintain adequate management hours for operation of the dietary department.
- ☐ Supports and believes in the Dietary Manager in the event of a nutritionally compromised client or departmental operational issue

Administrator of the Year Award:

- ☐ Is active in the community (Sponsorship-Speaker Participation)
- ☐ Assist the Dietary manager in providing education to the department members based on identified learning objectives, learning styles, and provides adequate resources to meet these needs.
- ☐ Establishes a system for regularly communicating key issues between the Dietary Manager and Administration.
- ☐ Provides the Dietary Managers with information to make reasonable and effective decisions on behalf of the department.
- ☐ Encourages and supports the Dietary Manager to participate in the district and state Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals.
- ☐ Ensures that the Dietary Managers are an integral part of the health care team and organization.
- ☐ Supports and provides necessary statistics to maintain adequate management hours for operation of the dietary department.