State Advocacy Committee
A Public Policy Council Subcommittee

AUA Staff Liaison  Brad Stine
Chair  William F. Gee, MD
Terms of Office  Chair 3-year term (non-renewable); Members 3-year term (renewable once)

Committee Makeup
The Committee is comprised of approximately 8-12 members. Members are selected based on geographic distribution and expertise in content areas directly relevant to the AUA’s state advocacy priorities (e.g., telemedicine, medical malpractice). The Chair of the Public Policy Council serves as an ex officio member.

Mission Statement
The Committee’s mission is to provide feedback to the Public Policy Council and staff on the continual refinement of the state advocacy agenda and its execution, provide advice and guidance regarding new opportunities for urology’s involvement; create and provide resources to assist in state advocacy; provide content knowledge, expertise, and support to state advocacy efforts when appropriate; communicate with fellow AUA members about issues critical to state advocacy and engage in appropriate action when needed.

Committee Meetings
Annually attend the Urology Advocacy Summit (beginning March 2018), the fall Public Policy Weekend at the AUA headquarters, and participate in the quarterly conference calls or when requested. There is no per diem for committee members. Members will only be reimbursed for expenses, such as transportation and lodging for advocacy events for which they are specifically asked to represent the AUA.

Time Commitment
Chair: 120 hours annually
Member: 60 hours annually

Qualifications/ Responsibilities
Chair: The Chair should be politically savvy and have knowledge of the U.S. political process, have existing relationships with legislators at the state level, and be willing to advocate for urology’s interests on a local level. The chair should show clear expertise in health policy areas, and the governing bodies that regulate medicine at the state level. Also, the Chair must be willing to attend the annual Urology Advocacy Summit in Washington, D.C., as well as engage fellow urologists and recruit grassroots physicians to advocate on behalf of the AUA’s legislative agenda and priorities.

Member: The State Advocacy Committee’s membership will be comprised of physicians representing diverse geographic and political interests. Members should have or be willing to develop relationships with their respective legislators at the state level. Members should have an interest in public policy and understand the role state governments play in regulating medicine. Members must be willing to
engage fellow urologists and recruit grassroots physicians to advocate on behalf of the AUA’s legislative agenda and priorities.

Recent Accomplishments 2018

- Established the first ever AUA State Advocacy Priorities, which are the policy topics the AUA will work on for the next year
- Approved and is distributing model legislation regarding prostate cancer screening for no cost to patients
- Developing strategies to address the potential burdens of United States Pharmacopeia Chapter 800 Guidance, related to the safe handling of drugs