



<b>AUA Staff Liaison</b>	Jeremy Haines
<b>Chair</b>	Robert Bass, MD
<b>Terms of Office</b>	Chair: 4 years (non-renewable) Members: 3 years (renewable once)

#### **Committee Makeup**

The Chair is appointed by the AUA President with input from the current Chair and the Public Policy Council. The Committee is comprised of approximately 12 members, each appointed by the recommendation of the Public Policy Council. The Chair of the Public Policy Council serve as ex officio members. The Gallagher Scholar serves as a non-voting member for the year in which they are awarded the scholarship (Jan – Dec). The Holtgrewe Legislative Fellow serves as a non-voting member for the year in they are awarded (June – May). The AUAPAC Chair and LAC Workgroup Chairs serve ex-officio (non-voting).

#### **Mission Statement**

The Committee’s mission is to provide feedback to staff on the continual refinement of the legislative agenda and its execution, provide advice and guidance regarding new opportunities for urology’s involvement; personally represent the AUA on Capitol Hill, in their home districts, to the White House, and to federal agencies; communicate with fellow AUA members about issues critical to urology and engage in appropriate action when needed.

#### **Committee Meetings**

Annually attend the Annual Urology Advocacy Summit, the fall Health Policy meeting, the Alliance of Specialty Medicine Fly-In, and participate in other regularly scheduled meetings or conference calls. 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:* 288 hours annually  
*Member:* 190 hours annually

#### **Qualifications/ Responsibilities**

*Chair:* The Chair should be politically savvy and have a working knowledge of the federal legislative process, have existing relationships with members of Congress, and be willing to advocate for urology’s interests on Capitol Hill. Also, the Chair must be willing to attend the Annual Urology Advocacy Summit and the Alliance for Specialty Medicine Advocacy Fly-In, as well as engage fellow urologists and recruit grassroots physicians to advocate on behalf of the AUA’s legislative agenda and priorities.



*Member:* Committee membership should be comprised of physicians from different practice settings and representing diverse geographic and political interests. Members should have existing relationships with members of Congress or be willing to develop them accordingly and serve as an advocate for urology's interests on Capitol Hill. Also, members should be willing to participate in the AUA's legislative and political activities on behalf of the AUA's legislative agenda. Activities include, but are not limited to, engaging in grassroots advocacy, supporting AUAPAC, and recruiting fellow urologists to advocate on behalf of the AUA's legislative priorities.

**Recent Accomplishments 2022**

- Successfully advocated for introduction of the Specialty Physicians Advancing Rural Care Act (S. 4330).
- Successfully planned and held the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Urology Advocacy Summit.
- Successfully engaged in coalition efforts and attended coalition fly-ins.
- Successfully worked with coalition partners to pass the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act (S. 3018/ H.R. 3173) in the House of Representatives.
- Successfully redesigned and implemented the Federal Legislative Priorities Survey that goes out to all domestic AUA members.
- Successfully constructed the AUA's 2023-2024 federal legislative priorities.
- Successfully developed and selected the 2022 slate of federal candidates to receive AUAPAC contributions. AUAPAC donated to 23 different lawmakers in 2022.