AUA Staff Liaison  Maureen Cones, Esquire

Chair  Eugene Y. Rhee, MD, MBA

Voting Terms  Chair: 4 years (non-renewable)
Section Representatives and AACU: 3 years (renewable once)
Ex-Officio Positions:
  Coding & Reimbursement Chair
  Legislative Affairs Chair
  Practice Management Chair
  Research Appropriations Chair
  State Advocacy Chair
  AMA House of Delegates Reps
  Relative Value System Chair

Non-Voting Terms  Scholars 1 year (Gallagher Jan-Dec and Hotlegrewe June-May)
Ex-Officio Positions:
  Science & Quality Council Chair
  Young Urologist Liaison (filled by Young Urologist Committee Chair-elect)
Society Liaisons 3 years (renewable once)
  Society of Women in Urology
  R. Frank Jones Urological Society
  Society of Academic Urologists
  Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine and Urogenital Reconstruction
Patient Advocate Liaison  1- year (renewable once)

Committee Makeup
The voting members of the Public Policy Council shall be as follows: At least one Active or Senior member from each Section of the AUA who is Chair of the Public Policy Council or its equivalent of that Section, the AUA Delegates to the AMA House of Delegates, three members of the American Association of Clinical Urologists. Chairs of designated component committees shall also be voting members (Coding and Reimbursement, Legislative Affairs, Research Appropriations and State Advocacy). Section representatives serve three-year terms (renewable once). The Chair shall be approved by the Board of Directors to serve one year as Chair-elect (non-voting) followed by a four-year non-renewable term as Council Chair (voting). (AUA, Inc. Bylaws, May 2022)

Mission Statement
The Public Policy Council shall oversee and investigate governmental, private, professional and socioeconomic issues affecting the delivery of urologic care as requested by the Board of Directors. (AUA, Inc. Bylaws, May 2022)

Committee Meetings
An in-person meeting is held at the Annual Urology Advocacy Summit and a virtual meeting is held in the Fall. Contact with committee members via conference calls and email correspondence shall
occur throughout the year.

**Time Commitment**

*Chair:* 10 hours per week (for 50 weeks)

*Member:* 20-30 hours per year

**Qualifications/ Responsibilities/Selection**

*Chair:* The Chair is a compensated position (see job description) and is selected by a Board Search Committee. Openings for Public Policy Chair are announced every four years at the webpage AUAnet.org/PublicPolicy Chair. The next search will begin fall of 2027.

*Members:* Section & Society Representatives should have an interest in or be directly involved in one (or more) of the subject matters covered by the committees that report to the Public Policy Council or are part of the AUA’s Public Policy and Advocacy Division’s purview: Coding and Reimbursement Committee, Legislative Affairs Committee, Research Advocacy Committee and State Advocacy Committee.

**Recent Accomplishments - 2022**

- Analyzed and responded to Calendar Year (CY) 2023 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Proposed Rule.
  - Submitted comments, held meetings with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on the rule, particularly around the clinical labor input updates.
  - Worked with likeminded societies and associations to confront the proposed 4.6% reduction to the conversion factor. Exploring long turn solutions for 2023 to stop the need for action each year.

- AUAPAC supported 23 total candidates that care about the policy issues critical to urologic specialists and the patients they serve and raised a record-breaking $52,800 from individual donors.

- Worked with legislators to introduce federal legislation to form a loan repayment program for specialty physicians practicing in rural areas (S. 4330, Specialty Physicians Advancing Rural Care Act).

- Secured AUA-led Telehealth Report Language in the Fiscal Year 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill.

- Hosted Kidney Cancer Impact Alliance, Prostate Cancer Impact Alliance, and Bladder Health Alliance meetings and Hill days at AUA Headquarter and DC offices (all first time in-person meetings since the start of the pandemic).

- Held first in-person Annual Urology Advocacy Summit since 2019 with more than 200 attendees and 175 Capitol Hill visits.

- Accomplished $15 million increase for Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program within Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs.

- Held three webinars as a part of the Prostate Cancer Impact Alliance’s Impact on Urology series.
  - Webinar topics included increasing Black or African American medical school students picking urology, Men Who Have Sex with Men and Emotional Wellness within the prostate cancer space.
  - As part of the Impact series, we accomplished incorporating diversity and inclusion efforts addressing social determinants of health in all three alliances.