State Advocacy Committee
A Public Policy Council Subcommittee

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Chair  Brian Duty, MD

Terms of Office  Chair:  3 years (non-renewable)
                Members:  3 years (renewable once)

Committee Makeup
The Committee is comprised of up to 15 members plus the chair. 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
Attend the Annual Urology Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC, 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 2022

- Worked with ZERO – The End of Prostate Cancer and the AACU to identify states and legislators who would introduce and support no cost sharing prostate cancer screening legislation in the states. There is interest in introducing legislation in: California, Texas, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Illinois. Illinois was successful in being signed into law.
- Supported step-therapy reform, biomarker coverage, and prior authorization gold carding bills; opposed mandatory chaperone proposed rules, medical malpractice and scope of practice expansion across the country, such as Washington state naturopathic doctors looking to perform vasectomies; physician assistant name change legislation from physician assistant to assistant physician efforts; independent nurse practitioner practice.
- Supported state legislation and regulation expanding telemedicine coverage during COVID-19 and beyond with a focus on payment and service parity, medical license requirements, and audio-only authority.
- Coordinated review of AUA Foundation transgender documents with transgender work group physicians; drafted and finalized AUA Transgender Policy created by the transgender work group; approved by the State Advocacy Committee, Public Policy Council, and AUA Board; approved policy placed on the AUA website.
- Set up meetings between state legislators and intersex physicians; drafted informational one-pager; worked with state urologic and medical societies to make amendments to intersex bills; created and sent a Phone2Action to members; and opposed intersex bills in New York and Rhode Island.
- Represented AUA at the National Conference of State Legislatures; met with legislators and other national organization state advocacy staff.