



Terms of Office

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 appointed by the Public Policy Council. The Chair of the Public Policy Council serves as an ex officio member. 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 months in which they are awarded (June – May). The AUAPAC Chair, Regulatory Workgroup Chair and Workforce Taskforce Chair serve as ex-officio (non-voting) members.

Mission Statement

The Committee's mission is to provide feedback to staff on the continual refinement of the federal advocacy 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 as needed.

Committee Meetings

Members 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

Responsibilities

Chair: The Chair must attend the Annual Urology Advocacy Summit and the Alliance for Specialty Medicine Advocacy Fly-In, as well as engage fellow urologists and recruit physicians to advocate on behalf of the AUA's legislative agenda and federal priorities.

Member: Members participate in the AUA's legislative and political activities on behalf of the AUA's federal agenda. Activities include, but are not limited to, engaging in grassroots advocacy, supporting AUAPAC, determining the AUA's federal advocacy agenda, and recruiting fellow urologists to advocate on behalf of the AUA's *federal advocacy* priorities.

Compliance

Committee positions are open to AUA members in good standing. New members must agree to abide by [AUA's Civility Policy](#) and agree to annually complete a COI Disclosure Form in accordance with [AUA's COI Disclosure Policy](#). The AUA reserves the right to suspend or remove a member from participation in any AUA activity while the individual is under investigation for a violation of AUA's



policies.

Criteria for Selecting New Members

Committee membership should be comprised of physicians from different practice settings and representing diverse geographic and political interests. The following criteria also apply:

- Relationships with members of Congress to serve as an advocate for urology's interests on Capitol Hill (or willingness to develop such relationships)
- Experience in participating in legislative and political activities (e.g., engaging in grassroots advocacy, supporting AUAPAC, and recruiting fellow urologists to advocate on behalf of the AUA's legislative priorities)

Criteria for Selecting Next Chair

The Chair should be politically savvy and have a working knowledge of the federal advocacy process, have existing relationships with members of Congress, and be willing to advocate for urology's interests on Capitol Hill. Chairs are chosen from current or past committee members and are selected by the Public Policy Chair.

Recent Accomplishments – 2024

- Engaged in coalition efforts and attended coalition fly-ins.
- Planned and held the 7th Annual Urology Advocacy Summit for 300 advocates
- Responded to Congressional Requests for Information (RFIs) on potential National Institutes of Health reforms and Medicare Administrative Contractor jurisdictions
- Held approximately 72 meetings with Congressional offices in addition to 100+ meetings during the Summit
- Conducted the 2025-2026 Federal Legislative Priorities Survey where 500+ domestic AUA members weighed in
- Developed and recommended to the AUA Board of Directors 2025-2026 Federal Advocacy Priorities based on survey data
- Presented on specific workforce challenges during the Summit and lobbied members of Congress on increased graduate medical education training slots
- Launched the AUA's Regulatory Work Group