



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.

Vision/Mission/Purpose

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

Responsibilities

Chair: Attends the Annual Urology Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC, as well as engages fellow urologists and recruit grassroots physicians to advocate on behalf of the AUA's legislative agenda and priorities.

Member: Members should have an interest in public policy and understand the role state governments play in regulating medicine. The State Advocacy Committee's membership will be comprised of physicians representing diverse geographic and political interests. Members are expected to attend the Annual Urology Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC.

Compliance

Committee positions are open to AUA members in good standing. All new members are required to agree to abide by [AUA's Civility Policy](#) when they accept their appointment 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

- Relationships with state legislators in order to serve as an advocate for urology's interests (or willingness to develop such relationships)
- Experience in recruiting, mentoring and engaging fellow urologists as grassroots physicians to advocate on behalf of the AUA's legislative priorities

Criteria for Selecting Next Chair

- Politically savvy with expertise in health policy
- Knowledge of the U.S. political process and the governing bodies that regulate medicine at the state level
- Ability to leverage existing relationships with legislators at the state level to advocate for urology's interests

Chairs are chosen from current or past committee members and are selected by the Public Policy Chair.

Recent Accomplishments – 2024

- Launched the “Grasstops Champions” program aimed at helping AUA members cultivate high-level relationships with their state elected officials. The program has seen urologists across five states deliver oral and/or written testimony before eight different government bodies and two urologists hold meetings with their state officials.
- Held the first ever AUA site visit bringing state elected officials to tour an AUA member's clinic.
- Successfully advocated for laws covering prostate cancer screenings in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Kentucky, Oregon, and Tennessee.
- Supported the Washington State Urologic Society's State Capitol Day through the State Advocacy Grant program. With AUA support the WSUS was able to ensure that nearly 40% of all state legislative districts were represented.
- Worked with the Arizona State Urology Society and AUA Grasstops Champions to intervene on a recent state rule change preventing urology practices from allowing medical assistants to place foley catheters.