



Terms of Office

Chair: 4 years (non-renewable)
Members: 3 years (renewable once)
Gallagher Scholar – 1 calendar year (Jan-Dec)
Holtgrewe Fellow – 1 association year (June – May)

Committee Makeup

The Committee is comprised of approximately 12 members. Ex-officio (non-voting) members include the Public Policy Chair, AUAPAC Chair, Regulatory Workgroup Chair and Workforce Taskforce Chair. Other non-voting members include the Gallagher Scholar and Holtgrewe Legislative Fellow.

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 legislative and regulatory issues critical to urology; and engage in appropriate action as needed.

Committee Meetings

Members attend the Annual Urology Advocacy Summit, the Health Policy Weekend, 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 at which they are specifically asked to represent the AUA, such as Health Policy Weekend, the AUA Summit, and the Alliance for Specialty Medicine fly-in.

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 are expected to 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. Members are also required to attend the Annual Urology Advocacy Summit and AUA’s Health Policy Weekend. Finally, members are required to serve on either the Regulatory Work Group or Legislative Work Group, and are appointed to a workgroup based on their relevant knowledge, expertise and interests at the discretion of the Chair.



Regulatory Workgroup

The Regulatory Workgroup makes recommendations on pending federal regulations, and the Legislative Workgroup makes recommendations on pending federal legislation. The workgroups serve a “rapid response” function driven by current events.

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

- Relationships with members of Congress to serve as an advocate for urology’s interests on Capitol Hill (or willingness to develop such relationships)
- Experience participating in legislative and political activities (e.g., engaging in grassroots advocacy, attending the Annual Urological Advocacy Summit, supporting AUAPAC, and recruiting fellow urologists to advocate on behalf of the AUA’s legislative priorities)
- General knowledge of or specific expertise in subject matter related to AUA’s federal legislative and regulatory priorities
- Experience reviewing and commenting on pending legislation or regulations
- Willingness and ability to respond quickly to *ad hoc* requests for input on pending legislation or regulations
- Willingness to present on AUA priority issues to AUA Sections, subspecialty societies, grand rounds, etc.

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 Council Chair with input from the EVP or EVP’s designee.

Recent Accomplishments – 2025

- Launched the AUA’s Legislative Work Group to review and comment on pending legislation
- Engaged in coalition efforts and attended the Alliance for Specialty Medicine fly-in.
- Planned and held the 8th Annual Urology Advocacy Summit for approximately 350 advocates and organized meetings with 187 congressional offices during the Summit
- Presented on prior authorization and workforce challenges during the Summit
- Responded to Congressional Requests for Information (RFIs) on competitive bidding for intermittent catheters, testosterone replacement therapy, estrogen replacement therapy, Medicare deregulation, and Health IT -
- Held approximately 98 meetings with Congressional offices on AUA’s federal advocacy priorities, including Medicare reimbursement, prior authorization reform, GME funding, research funding, provider burnout, and PSA screening.