



**AUA Staff Liaison** Joshua Webster

**Chair** Mark Fallick, MD

**Terms of Office** Chair 2-year term (renewable once); Members 3-year term (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, each appointed by the recommendation of the Public Policy Council. The Chair of the Public Policy Council serve as ex officio members. The Gallagher Scholar serves as a non-voting member for the year in which they are awarded the scholarship (Jan – Dec). The Holgrewe Legislative Fellow serves as a non-voting member for the year in they are awarded (May – May). The Chair of the AUAPAC serves ex-officio (non-voting).

**Mission Statement**

The Committee’s mission is to provide feedback to staff on the continual refinement of the legislative 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 when needed.

**Committee Meetings**

Annually 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

**Qualifications/ Responsibilities**

*Chair:* The Chair should be politically savvy and have a working knowledge of the federal legislative process, have existing relationships with members of Congress, and be willing to advocate for urology’s interests on Capitol Hill. Also, the Chair must be willing to attend the Annual Urology Advocacy Summit and the Alliance for Specialty Medicine Advocacy Fly-In, as well as engage fellow urologists and recruit grassroots physicians to advocate on behalf of the AUA’s legislative agenda and priorities.



*Member:* Committee membership should be comprised of physicians representing diverse geographic and political interests. Members should have existing relationships with members of Congress or be willing to develop them accordingly and serve as an advocate for urology's interests on Capitol Hill. Also, 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 2019**

- Drafted bill language to create a student loan forgiveness program for specialty physicians that choose to practice in a rural setting
- Successfully advocated for report language to be added to FY 2020 Labor-HHS appropriations bill expressing the need for more research into prostate cancer screening and treatment for African-American and high risk men
- Helped introduce legislation to address stop-gaps in prostate cancer treatment for veterans