



<b>AUA Staff Liaison</b>	Mike Collins
<b>Chair</b>	Robert Bass, MD
<b>Terms of Office</b>	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, 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 Holtgrewe Legislative Fellow serves as a non-voting member for the year in they are awarded (June – May). The AUAPAC Chair and LAC Workgroup Chairs serve 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

### **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 grassroots physicians to advocate on behalf of the AUA’s legislative agenda and priorities.

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



### **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**

Committee membership should be comprised of physicians from different practice settings and representing diverse geographic and political interests.

- Relationships with members of Congress in order 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 legislative 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 – 2023**

- Successfully advocated for bicameral introduction of the Specialty Physicians Advancing Rural Care Act (S. 705/ H.R. 2671).
- Successfully planned and held the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Urology Advocacy Summit Successfully engaged in coalition efforts and attended coalition fly-ins.
- Successfully held a meeting with the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) National Center for Health Workforce Analysis
- Successfully partnered with coalitions to engage with the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Director and Medicare Payment Advisory Committee (MedPAC) Executive Director
- Submission of two Congressional Requests for Information (RFIs) (Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee Workforce RFI and House Ways & Means Rural Healthcare RFI)
- Successfully constructed and operationalized the LAC Liaison Program