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Chair Mark T. Edney, MD, MBA

Voting Terms Chair: 4 years (non-renewable)
Section Representatives and AACU: 3 years (renewable once)
Ex-Officio Positions:
Coding & Reimbursement Chair
Legislative Affairs Chair
Research Appropriations Chair
State Advocacy Chair
AMA House of Delegates Reps
Relative Value System Chair

Non-Voting Terms AUA Board Liaison - Treasurer
Scholars 1 year (Gallagher Jan-Dec and Hotlegrewe June-May)
Ex-Officio Positions:
Science & Quality Council Chair
Policy & Advocacy Recruitment Chair
Society Liaisons 3 years (renewable once)
Society of Women in Urology
R. Frank Jones Urological Society
Society of Academic Urologists
Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine and Urogenital Reconstruction
Patient Advocate Liaison 1- year (renewable once)

Committee Makeup

The voting members of the Public Policy Council shall be as follows: At least one Active or Senior member from each Section of the AUA who is Chair of the Public Policy Council or its equivalent of that Section, the AUA Delegates to the AMA House of Delegates, three members of the American Association of Clinical Urologists. Chairs of designated component committees shall also be voting members (Coding and Reimbursement, Legislative Affairs, Research Appropriations and State Advocacy). Section representatives serve three-year terms (renewable once). The Chair shall be approved by the Board of Directors to serve one year as Chair-elect (non-voting) followed by a four-year non-renewable term as Council Chair (voting). (AUA, Inc. Bylaws, May 2023)

Vision/Mission/Purpose

The Public Policy Council shall oversee and investigate governmental, private, professional and socioeconomic issues affecting the delivery of urologic care as requested by the Board of Directors. (AUA, Inc. Bylaws, May 2023)

Reporting

The Public Policy Council reports to the AUA Board of Directors. The Public Policy Chair reports to the board at the fall board meeting and may present action items at the other board meetings as needed.



Committee Meetings

An in-person meeting is held at the Annual Urology Advocacy Summit and a virtual meeting is held in the Fall. Contact with committee members via conference calls and email correspondence shall occur throughout the year.

Time Commitment

Chair: 10 hours per week (for 50 weeks)

Member: 20-30 hours per year

Responsibilities/Selection

Chair: The Chair is a compensated position with responsibilities outlined in a job description including oversight of the Public Policy Council and the work of its subcommittees

Members: Section & Society Representatives should have an interest in or be directly involved in one (or more) of the subject matters covered by the committees that report to the Public Policy Council or are part of the AUA's Public Policy and Advocacy Division's purview: Coding and Reimbursement Committee, Legislative Affairs Committee, Research Advocacy Committee and State Advocacy Committee.

Criteria for Selecting New Members

- Section Representatives must be:
 - Active or Senior member
 - At least one member from each section must be the Chair of the Section's Public Policy Committee (its equivalent of that Section)
- Section & Society Representatives should have an interest in or be directly involved in one (or more) of the subject matters covered by the committees that report to the Public Policy Council or are part of the AUA's Public Policy and Advocacy Division's purview: Coding and Reimbursement Committee, Legislative Affairs Committee, Research Appropriations Committee and State Advocacy Committee.

Criteria for Selecting Next Chair

Openings for Public Policy Chair are announced every four years at the webpage AUAnet.org/PublicPolicyChair. A job description highlighting the qualifications is posted on that site. The next search will begin fall of 2027. The Public Policy Chair is selected by a Board Search Committee.

Recent Accomplishments - 2022

- Analyzed and responded to Calendar Year (CY) 2023 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Proposed Rule.
 - Submitted comments, held meetings with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on the rule, particularly around the clinical labor input updates.
 - Worked with likeminded societies and associations to confront the proposed 4.6% reduction to the conversion factor. Exploring long turn solutions for 2023 to stop the need for action each year.
- AUAPAC supported 23 total candidates that care about the policy issues critical to urologic specialists and the patients they serve and raised a record-breaking \$52,800 from individual donors.



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- Worked with legislators to introduce federal legislation to form a loan repayment program for specialty physicians practicing in rural areas (S. 4330, Specialty Physicians Advancing Rural Care Act).
 - Secured AUA-led Telehealth Report Language in the Fiscal Year 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill.
 - Hosted Kidney Cancer Impact Alliance, Prostate Cancer Impact Alliance, and Bladder Health Alliance meetings and Hill days at AUA Headquarter and DC offices (all first time in-person meetings since the start of the pandemic).
 - Held first in-person Annual Urology Advocacy Summit since 2019 with more than 200 attendees and 175 Capitol Hill visits.
 - Accomplished \$15 million increase for Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program within Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs.
 - Held three webinars as a part of the Prostate Cancer Impact Alliance’s Impact on Urology series.
 - Webinar topics included increasing Black or African American medical school students picking urology, Men Who Have Sex with Men and Emotional Wellness within the prostate cancer space.
 - As part of the Impact series, we accomplished incorporating diversity and inclusion efforts addressing social determinants of health in all three alliances.