



AUA Staff Liaison Joshua Webster

Chair Brian Duty, MD

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.



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 2023

- Successfully advocated for bicameral introduction of the Specialty Physicians Advancing Rural Care Act (S. 705/ H.R. 2671).
- Successfully planned and held the 6th 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