



## Voting Terms

Chair: 4 years (non-renewable)  
Section Representatives and AACU: 3 years (renewable once)  
Ex-Officio Positions:  
Payment Policy & Reimbursement Chair  
Federal Advocacy Chair  
Research Appropriations Chair  
Urology Technology & Telehealth 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 Holtgrewe 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 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 (Payment Policy and Reimbursement, Federal Advocacy, Research Appropriations, State Advocacy and Urology Technology & Telehealth). 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).*

## 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.*

## 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 in the Spring and a second meeting is held at the Health Policy Weekend in the Fall (virtual or in-person at AUA Headquarters). 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

*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: Physician Payment and Reimbursement Committee, Federal Advocacy, Research Appropriations, State Advocacy and Urology Technology & Telehealth.

## Compliance

Positions are open to AUA members in good standing. All new members are required to agree to abide by [AUA Participation Terms and Conditions](#) when they accept their appointment and agree to annually complete a COI Disclosure Form in accordance with the [AUA 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

- 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: Payment Policy and Reimbursement Committee, Federal Advocacy Committee, Research Appropriations Committee, State Advocacy Committee and Urology Technology & Telehealth Committee.

## Criteria for Selecting Next Chair

Openings for Public Policy Chair are announced every four years at the webpage [AUNet.org/PublicPolicyChair](http://AUNet.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.



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## Recent Accomplishments - 2024

- Met with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to advocate for 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule policies related to cuts to the conversion factor, valuation of specific urology services, supply pack pricing, and global surgical package values.
- AUAPAC raised a record-breaking \$103,801 in donations and supported 32 candidates that champion urologic advocacy priorities.
- Held 7th Annual Urology Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC with more than 305 attendees and 220 Capitol Hill visits.
- Convened a panel of experts, including leaders from the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP), patients, and urologists to discuss diversity in research and barriers to patient engagement in clinical trials.
- Hosted 11th Annual Bladder Health Alliance Roundtable where patient organizations learned about engagement opportunities from various government agencies including the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK).
- Submitted two comment letters on behalf of urologic researchers and patients to the House Energy & Commerce Committee regarding proposed reforms to overhaul the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by, among other things, consolidating agencies from 27 to 15.
- Launched the AUA State Advocacy “Grasstops” Program that helped urologists across five states deliver oral and/or written testimony before eight different government bodies on access to prostate cancer screening.
- Surveyed AUA domestic members on 2025-2026 federal advocacy priorities that are used to determine key lobbying initiatives for the 119th Congress.
- Developed first-ever list of patient advocacy priorities to ensure the AUA speaks with one voice while advocating on behalf of the entire urologic community.