

State-Based Policy and Advocacy Sub-Committee Charter

Purpose

To enhance ongoing national post-acute and long-term care (PALTC) public policy, advocacy, strategic planning, and communication goals on a state and local level by encouraging and facilitating state-based advocacy efforts among AMDA members, and by developing effective partnerships with key local and regional stakeholders.

To support AMDA Key Objectives as outlined in the Strategic Plan Framework:

- 1. Support and develop AMDA state chapters (Domain II)
- 2. Nurture existing and develop new organizational alliances to promote the unique nature of PALTC medicine (Domain II & III)
- 3. Advocate for regulatory and legislative initiatives that support optimal care delivery in PALTC (Domain IV)
- 4. Support and participate in key policy coalitions (Domain IV)
- 5. Raise visibility and improve understanding of federal PALTC policy among AMDA members and Chapters, as well as external stakeholders (Domain IV)

Ongoing Subcommittee Activities / Charges & Strategies

The sub-committee undertakes the following activities:

- Establish a network of state-based advocacy members who are engaged in local, regional, and statewide public policy and advocacy efforts.
- Enhance ongoing relationships with key stakeholders organized at the state level, including American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL), Leading Age, Argentum, governors and the National Governors Association (NGA), and state departments of health and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), among others.
- Encourage and foster member engagement in advocacy and policy by enhancing the existing State Public Policy Playbook with ongoing collective policy education.
- Assist with rapid dissemination of best practices regarding state public policy advocacy.
- Promote a unified AMDA message regarding key national initiatives at the state level
- Provide an avenue for prompt escalation of a state-based policy issue that may need the attention of the AMDA Public Policy Committee.
- Encourage collaborations across AMDA state chapters by engaging the State Presidents Council, Public Policy Steering Committee, and the AMDA Board of Directors.

Roles and Chair Responsibilities • Help structure agenda for meetings. • Run an effective meeting to ensure involvement of members and the advancement of activities and charges. • Communication with the Board liaison before and after each Board meeting to share updates from the Sub-committee and to hear about new Board initiatives. Report back to the full Sub-committee on each discussion with the Board liaison. • Identify, mentor, and groom the next Chair. • Assist with structure and selection of members. Vice Chair • Support the Chair to ensure responsibilities are met in a timely manner. • Serve as interim Chair in the absence of the Chair. • Recommend individuals to serve as the next Vice Chair. • Ascend to the position of Chair. Members Be prepared and actively participate in all conference calls and meetings. • Work on projects as delegated by the Chair. The committee meets monthly via conference call. Members are expected to review Expected Commitment all agenda/materials prior to each meeting, attend the conference calls as scheduled.

The estimated monthly time commitment is 1-2 hours.

The State-Based Policy and Advocacy Sub-committee is comprised of a chair, vice-chair, and up to 20 members organized in 10 geographic regions as outlined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The subcommittee will convene on a monthly basis to discuss key initiatives, ongoing collaborations, and opportunities for improvement with respect to public policy and patient care advocacy. Feedback from state-based members will be shared with the Public Policy Committee and likewise, national policy priorities will be shared with state-based members.		
All sub-committee members serve a two (2) year term and are eligible for reappointment once. Terms run May to April. The Chair and Vice Chair each serve a two-year term.		
Members are appointed by the President with input from the Chair. The Committee Chair and/or Vice Chair is recommended by the outgoing Chair and appointed by the President.		
 Express desire to serve with a special interest in state policy and advocacy. Desire to advance the mission of AMDA. Ability to make the necessary time commitment. Must be a Society member in good standing. Must disclose all financial relationships on an annual basis. Ability to attend and actively participate in conference calls. Chair: In addition to the above requirements, when possible, the Chair should have previously served as the Vice Chair. Vice Chair: In addition to the above requirements, when possible, the Vice Chair should have previously served as a member. 		
 Chair-Christian Bergman, MD, CMD Vice Chair-David Polakoff, MD, MSc Members Name & Credentials Region 1: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont David F. Polakoff, MD, MSc (Vice Chair) Wayne Saltsman, MD, PhD, CMD Asif Merchant, MD, FACP, CPE, CMD Carolyn R. Blackman, MD 		

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