



HEALTH POLICY AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: Promote awareness within the DNA of issues and concerns in the arena of health policy and advocacy that assists DNA and its members in achieving the strategic goal of effectively advocating for members, patients and the general public.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Increasing membership involvement and understanding in health policy and advocacy.
2. Increase DNA's visibility within related health care advocacy organizations worldwide.
3. Act as a resource for information on issues related to health policy and advocacy.
4. Work with members to investigate, consider, report and act on advocacy issues in accordance with DNA's strategic plan.
5. Identify and coordinate these efforts with groups that seek to educate the public about preventive health measures.
6. Facilitate member awareness of DNA involvement in health policy and advocacy efforts.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

1. Develop an advocacy agenda in alignment with the DNA Strategic plan derived with Board input and approval.
2. Develop a budget for any items or potential needs of the committee.
3. Determine most effective method to advocate for members and their patients that is in line with DNA resources and mission.
4. Prioritize relevant issues and develop key position statements on these issues.
5. Communicate to the DNA membership regarding legislative issues and plan for action.
6. Collaborate with other associations, such as American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) and the American Nurses' Association (ANA) in addressing issues related to and affecting dermatology nursing.
7. Communicate pertinent information to DNA members via the Focus newsletter, the Journal of the Dermatology Nurses' Association (JDNA) and the DNA web site.
8. Develop resources for the DNA website that relate to health policy and advocacy issues.

TIME COMMITMENT

1. At least 2 hours a week to monitor communications and participate in initiatives.

REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Knowledge/interest in legislative/nursing issues or a willingness to gain skill, expertise and knowledge related to lobbying, the political process and nursing issues.
2. Ability to actively participate in committee activities for a term of three years.
3. Ability to work with others at all levels to achieve shared vision, build effective interpersonal relationships, engage and empower others, and enable the best of what is possible through human interactions.

4. Ability to be flexible, adaptable and creative, to build support for public policy decisions in a healthcare culture of multiple needs.

REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION OF CHAIR

1. Chair must be an nurse member who has completed the Nurse in Washington Internship
2. Chair is appointed by president for a one year term, but may be re-appointed based on need and willingness to serve.
3. Submit report for quarterly Board of Director meetings identifying current issues and the goals, strategies/plans for action, progress and outcomes for these issues.