

Government Affairs Committee Charter

Committee Purpose:

The Ohio ACEP Government Affairs Committee is focused on advancing emergency care through legislative advocacy, health policy and regulatory issues. The committee will work to assure member interests are supported with consistent advocacy efforts before state legislature and regulatory boards; provide leadership on Ohio ACEP's legislative agenda; engage members in advocating for emergency medicine; promote the value of emergency medicine and educate policy makers regarding issues that affect emergency physicians, patients, and the delivery of access to emergency care.

Committee Member Appointment:

Committee membership is open to active members interested in attending and participating in meetings. Members are asked to apply for committee work through the Committee Interest Form on the Ohio ACEP website. The Ohio ACEP president and committee chair review committee applications and make recommendations for approval.

Committee Chair & Board Liaison:

The Committee Chair is appointed by the Ohio ACEP President. A Board member is also selected by the President to serve as a Board liaison on the committee.

Responsibilities:

The role of the committee is to support Board priorities as outlined in the strategic implementation plan. The objectives of the committee should be regularly reviewed by the committee to make sure they fall within the scope of the strategic plan. Committee work often culminates in the submission of recommendations for consideration by the Board. When possible, the committee should use the Ohio ACEP Project/Course Proposal template to prepare a recommendation.

- On behalf of the members, identify, monitor, and influence health policy and regulatory issues.
- Identify and monitor proposed legislation.
- Create a proactive policy agenda to improve emergency care in Ohio.
- Communicate issues to the membership that might affect members.
- Provide a voice for members before policymakers.
- Foster working relationships with legislators and their staff and encourage members to advocate for emergency medicine.

Committee Meetings:

The committee will meet as often as the committee chair and the committee staff liaison deems necessary to perform the committee's objectives throughout the year with a minimum of two meetings each year. All meetings will take place virtually.

Relationship to Other Leadership Groups:

- Reports directly to the Board of Directors