

Policy and Procedure

Section VOLUNTEER GROUPS

LEGISLATIVE TEAM ROLE DESCRIPTION

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES:

Develop and utilize legislative awareness and action to promote and support professional nursing practice and quality patient care.

REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION:

- A. The Chair will be an RN member of AAACN. The Chair's term is 3 years, one year as Chair-Elect, one year as Chair, and one year as Immediate Past Chair.
- B. All team members must be members of AAACN and have knowledge/interest in legislative/nursing issues. Team members serve a term of 4 years; may be re-appointed by the chair.
- B. Chair to be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors. Members to be appointed by the Chair.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. The Immediate Past Legislative Chair will serve in a mentor role to facilitate a seamless transition.
- 2. The Legislative Chair and Chair-Elect will participate in monthly Nursing Community Coalition calls, attend AAACN conference, and participate in legislative team meetings and conference calls.
- 3. The Legislative Team and Board Liaison shall make decisions in support of or against legislative issues. Requests from the Nursing Community Coalition may be approved by the team as long as they align with the mission, vision and values of AAACN.

If the team is unable to achieve consensus on responses to legislative issues and topics, the Board Liaison will direct the issue to the AAACN Executive Team or Board of Directors for a decision.

- 4. Review legislative information from the Nursing Community Coalition and other external sources and communicate pertinent information to AAACN members via *Viewpoint*, e-news, the AAACN website or the Connected Community.
- 5. Recommend and develop position statements on legislative issues affecting AAACN and ambulatory patient care.
- 6. Submit board reports for Board of Directors meetings.