



Academic Pediatric Association Board of Directors Job Description

Position Title: Public Policy and Advocacy Chair

Overview: The Public Policy and Advocacy Chair is a member of the Board of Directors and is responsible for oversight of the policy and advocacy-related activities of the APA including representing the APA on the Pediatric Policy Council, the Health Policy Scholars Program, the Public Policy and Advocacy Awards, the annual Advocacy Skills-Building Campaign, and related sub-committees and task forces. The Chair drives the public policy and advocacy activities of the organization to advance an equitable child health agenda.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Attends and participates in APA Board Meetings and annual meeting-related events
- Chairs APA's Public Policy and Advocacy Committee and reports to the Board of Directors on activities
- Provides strategic direction as needed to the Public Policy and Advocacy committee, task forces, and related activities
- Represents the APA on the Pediatric Policy Council (attends bi-monthly meetings, attends an annual in-person meeting, and co-authors at least two policy commentaries a month)
- Supports the Annual Advocacy Skills-Building Campaign and Learning Collaborative
- Provides oversight for the Health Policy Scholars Program
- Assists with the orientation and transition to the next Chair

Term of Office:

- 2026-2029

Method of Appointment:

- Elected by the membership

Accountability:

- Reports to the Board of Directors

Qualifications

- Active engagement with the APA and/or its public policy and advocacy programs
- Experience in policy and advocacy as it relates to child health

- Recommended: experience with current PPAC projects and initiatives

Time Commitment:

- 4-6 hours a month including
 - at least four monthly teleconference meetings for activities described above
 - two annual in-person meetings of the Board (one prior to PAS)
 - meetings at PAS representing the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee and Board of Directors
 - other week Pediatric Policy Council teleconference meetings in addition to ongoing email communication and co-authoring two commentaries per year
 - regular PPAC executive committee meetings (chair determines the schedule)
 - regular learning collaborative and advocacy campaign meetings
 - Health Policy Scholars leadership meetings (as needed)