

National Advocacy Committee

Committee Purpose

The purpose of the American Diabetes Association National Advocacy Committee is to provide direction to all of the Association's advocacy efforts on both the federal and state level and to provide leadership to Diabetes Advocates throughout the country.

Charge & Responsibilities:

1. Lead advocacy efforts to:
 - Increase federal and state funding for diabetes prevention, programs, treatment and research;
 - Prevent diabetes;
 - Improve access to adequate and affordable health care;
 - Eliminate discrimination against people with diabetes at school, work, and elsewhere in their lives; and
 - End diabetes health disparities.
2. Develop and implement annual National Advocacy Committee priorities that align with the Association's strategic plan and yearly Association-wide organizational priorities and that further the Association's commitment to advancing the Legislative, Regulatory and Legal Advocacy Priorities.
3. Review and approve annual Legislative, Regulatory and Legal Advocacy Priorities.
4. Review and promote the activities of the Legal Advocacy & Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittees; Diabetes Disparities Action Council; Advocate Engagement and Safe at School Work groups; and any other national advocacy groups.
5. Grow the number and level of engagement of advocacy volunteers, including youth, and facilitate communication and teamwork among all advocacy volunteers and between advocacy volunteers and staff, with specific attention to increasing Advocacy engagement in communities most disparately impacted by diabetes.
6. Promote the Association's advocacy efforts internally and externally to increase participation, success, and revenue.
7. Work cooperatively on advocacy activities with other organizations and agencies.
8. Build overall grassroots advocacy capacity to affect positive change across regulatory and policy priorities.
9. Promote the Association's core values and advance the ADA's mission.

National Advocacy Committee *(continued)*

Qualifications for Membership

Experience in legislative, legal, or grassroots advocacy, or a substantive area of advocacy concern (e.g., diabetes research, health reform, discrimination, health equity).

Membership is composed of the following positions:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Chairs of the Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee and Legal Advocacy Subcommittee (or their designees)
- Up to 4 members of the Diabetes Disparities Action Council
- Up to 3 Community Leadership Board (CLB) Advocacy Chairs
- Up to 4 At-Large Members