GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE (GRC) – Position Description

(Note: Members on this committee are APPOINTED by the President Elect and approved by the AANA Board of Directors during the upcoming fiscal year)

AANA Vision: AANA will be a preeminent professional association for healthcare and patient safety.

AANA Mission: AANA advances patient safety, practice excellence, and its members’ profession.

AANA Core Values: Quality, Professionalism, Compassion, Collaboration, Wellness and Diversity

AANA Motto: Safe and effective anesthesia CARE for every patient.

AANA Bylaw Language:

Article VII, Section 5 F: Government Relations Committee

“The Government Relations Committee shall address matters pertaining to legislation and regulations, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.”

Term of Office: Begins at the conclusion of the AANA Annual Congress through the following Annual Congress.

Membership Criteria:

CRNA: Experience in state association government affairs (e.g., serving as state government relations committee chair or committee member) is strongly preferred. To serve as AANA GRC chair, at least one term as an AANA GRC committee member is preferred.

Student nurse anesthetist: Associate member of the AANA; will be attending a nurse anesthesia educational program for at least nine months during his/her year of service on the committee; and submits a letter from the student’s nurse anesthesia educational program director indicating that the student applicant is able to fulfill committee responsibilities in additional to his/her clinical and didactic requirements.

Access to a computer with Internet access and a basic understanding of e-mail and word processing are required. Possession of a personal laptop, notebook computer, or similar for use at in-person meetings is preferred; alternatively, a committee member would need to be able to print out all meeting materials and bring them to the meeting.

Committee Meetings/Expected time commitment:

All committee members are required to attend the Joint Committee Conference. In addition, the committee schedules conference calls and additional meetings as needed. Committee members are expected to devote adequate time to preparation for meetings and conference calls, as well as any projects that may be assigned in a given year.

Note: Given a student nurse anesthetist’s academic responsibilities, a student committee member will not receive additional work above that which is required for scheduled meeting participation (e.g., reviewing background material sent in advance of scheduled meetings), except to the extent that the student’s schedule allows.

Attendance of committee members at AANA assemblies is welcome, but not required or funded.
Committee Responsibilities:
GRC responsibilities concern state government affairs; federal government affairs issues and priorities are addressed by the AANA Board of Directors. The GRC provides valuable input and practitioner perspective that assists the State Government Affairs (SGA) Division staff in their everyday interactions with state associations regarding state legislative and regulatory issues.

The GRC supports the strategy pillar of the 50-State Service Strategy, including developing tools and processes for enviroscanning, state- and issue-specific tactics and research, and advocacy competence development. The GRC also works closely with other AANA committees to facilitate successful implementation of the 50-State Service Strategy.

The committee chair collaborates with AANA staff to prepare meeting agendas, conducts the committee meetings, and makes committee member assignments as necessary.

Note: The student member of the committee may participate fully in all committee discussions, but shall not have voting privileges during the duration of their committee service.

Expense Reimbursement: Expenses related to Government Relations Committee’s travel and meetings are reimbursed in accordance with the AANA Business Travel and Reimbursement Policy.

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