



Health Policy Advisory Council (HPAC) Background

The goal of the College's nationwide grassroots advocacy program is to communicate, educate, and provide the necessary tools and resources to build a strong network of surgeon advocates consistently willing to take action on important health policy matters and encourage their colleagues to do the same.

Members of the HPAC are a diverse group, consisting of Regents, Governors, young surgeons and residents, Health Policy Scholars, and other College members with expressed interest or expertise in health care policy. Special efforts are made to ensure that all specialties have representation within the HPAC.

The HPAC "network", ideally comprised of at least one member from every state, provides strength in numbers creating an opportunity to advance key health policy issues representative of a larger subset of the surgeon-patient population. HPAC members are responsible for becoming educated, and informing their peers, about ACS advocacy and health policy priorities; encouraging colleagues to take action on key federal legislative priorities; promoting *SurgeonsVoice* tools and resources at local chapter meetings and events; and, communicating feedback regarding legislative and regulatory concerns from the membership at-large back to the ACS Division of Advocacy and Health Policy (DAHP).

Member Participation Guidelines

While this group primarily meets virtually via webinars and teleconferences throughout the year as deemed appropriate by the Chair in coordination with DAHP staff, HPAC members are encouraged to attend the ACS Leadership and Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC, and the annual Clinical Congress.

HPAC member participation is monitored by DAHP staff, and regular reminders will be circulated to ensure expectations are manageable. These and other advocacy-related metrics will also be communicated as new, 2018 programming will include additional surgeon advocate acknowledgment opportunities, including recognizing top performers via "A Cut Above: Advocate of the Year" program.



Member Participation Principles

HPAC leadership drafted a menu of options to offer existing (and future) members to use as an accountability mechanism for recruiting and retaining HPAC members while drawing on different individual member skill sets. These activities are designed to help foster relationships between surgeon advocates and their peers, members of Congress and their staff, other physician community colleagues, and the health professional community in Washington and around the country. Every HPAC member is to partake in numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 and choose two (2) additional activities to fulfill from the following participation principles:

- 1) Attend both the ACS Leadership and Advocacy Summit and annual Clinical Congress.
- 2) Join two (2) additional webinars or teleconferences.
- 3) Personally take action on every federal legislative "Call to Action."
- 4) Engage the ACS membership at-large by encouraging at least ten (10) colleagues to participate in *SurgeonsVoice* "Calls to Action."
- 5) Consider supporting the ACSPA-*SurgeonsPAC* at a suggested minimum contribution of \$250.00/annually and soliciting voluntary contributions from other U.S. College members and surgery trainees.
- 6) Present to a group of Fellows or Residents re: advocacy and political involvement.
 - o e.g. Grand rounds, department meeting, or state chapter meeting.
- 7) Identify other engaged advocates and facilitate introduction to DAHP staff. i.e. recruit future HPAC members to assist in high-level advocacy efforts.
- 8) Host a fundraiser in your state/district.
- 9) Attend two (2) meetings in your state legislator, representative or senator's office.
- 10) Organize a practice/facility tour for your member of Congress.
- 11) Write a letter to the editor or opinion editorial (local news media).
- 12) Author or contribute to an ACS-generated publication.
- 13) Submit a testimonial for use in future ACS publications.
- 14) Deliver a *SurgeonsPAC* check in-district.
- 15) Attend your state chapter's lobby day.



American College of Surgeons Professional Association

Health Policy Advisory Council Recruitment Form

Full Name	
ACS Member Number	
Preferred Address	
City, State, Zip	
Preferred Phone	
Mobile Phone	
Email (for ACS internal use only)	
Focus of advocacy interest (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer <input type="checkbox"/> Trauma <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce <input type="checkbox"/> Practice Burden <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Liability Reform <input type="checkbox"/> Physician Payment <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory Reform <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Surgery <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Reform <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Please provide a brief description of previous advocacy experience and/or specific areas of interest, or relationships with elected officials.	

Please sign here to acknowledge you have read and agree to the participation expectations set forth in this document. Please complete this application and submit via email to ahp@facs.org.

Signature **Date**