

Trustee Involvement Opportunities



American Hospital
Association

THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to health improvement in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which include nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, and other providers of care. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends.

The AHA has numerous avenues for trustee involvement and participation in the Association's governance, policy development, and field leadership initiatives.

| Opportunity | Purpose | Composition | Terms/Meetings per Year |
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| Committee on Governance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead effective trustee involvement in grassroots advocacy; • Provide input into AHA's policy development; • Enhance communication with and involvement of trustees in the AHA; and • Provide advice on AHA's trustee initiatives. | 28 members: the chair-elect, chair, immediate past-chair, nine regional trustee liaisons and up to 16 at-large members | 3-year terms 3 meetings per year |
| COG Leadership Development Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as the nominating committee of the COG; and • Identify and recommend trustees for participation in AHA governance, policy development, and field leadership opportunities. | 12 members | 3-year terms 2 meetings per year |
| Trustee Leadership Network | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in trustee grassroots advocacy initiatives; • An avenue for trustee input on leadership issues; and • Ongoing trustee communications via TLN web site & Listserv. | Trustees interested in participating in AHA advocacy and field leadership initiatives | Monthly conference calls; in-person networking reception at AHA Annual Meeting |
| Trustee Advisory Groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene trustees to get their perspectives and advice on complex governance, policy, and field leadership issues. | Trustees with specific issue expertise or interests | Varies throughout the year |

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| Regional Policy Boards | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide input on policy issues to be considered by the AHA Board of Trustees; • Assist in implementing AHA policy and programs; and • Identify problems and needs unique to the region and develop programs to meet those needs. | <p>Each of the 9 RPBs consists of the chair, delegates from each state in the region, constituency and membership section delegates, and regional physician and trustee delegates.</p> | <p>3-year terms 3 meetings per year</p> |
| AHA's Constituency Section Governing Councils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health Care Systems</i> • <i>Small or Rural Hospitals</i> • <i>Metropolitan Hospitals</i> • <i>Long-term Care & Rehabilitation</i> • <i>Maternal & Child Health</i> • <i>Psychiatric & Substance Abuse Services</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assists in developing AHA policy by providing input on issues being considered by the Board of Trustees; and • Provide advice on advocacy positions, emerging issues, and member service strategies. | <p>Each section governing council is comprised of leaders representing the country's premier health systems, small or rural, metropolitan, long-term care & rehabilitation, maternal & child health, and psychiatric & substance abuse services.</p> | <p>3-year terms 3 meetings per year</p> |
| Ad Hoc & Task Force Committees | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow members to examine emerging issues in a more in-depth manner and provide AHA with policy and advocacy recommendations as appropriate. | <p>Ad-hoc committees are generally composed of health care leaders and trustees with special expertise or interest in the issue.</p> | <p>Varies by committee</p> |
| Issue Discussion Conference Calls | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer an opportunity for members to join small groups of their colleagues via conference call to discuss key issues and provide input to AHA in a timely manner. | | |

For more information, call the American Hospital Association at **312-422-3343** or visit www.aha.org.