**AmSECT Committee Charter**

**COMMITTEE NAME:** Government Relations Committee

**PURPOSE/ROLE:**

* Oversees a proactive program that monitors state and federal legislation and lobbies in support of regulations impacting the practice of the profession. As surgical practices and technologies change in the healthcare marketplace, knowledge of laws, and the ability to influence them, are critical in representing perfusionists at every level of health care governance.
* The Government Relations Committee assists perfusionists at the state levels of government to protect perfusionists, patients, and the standards of perfusion procedures both inside and outside of the operating room.

**MEMBERSHIP PROCESS:**

* AmSECT Member in Good Standing.
* Previous Government Relations Experience – served as GRC State Liaison or involved with state-level perfusion society, perfusion advisory committee, etc.

**EXPECTED COMMITMENT:**

* Members will need to be available for quarterly Government Relations Committee meetings and are expected to respond to communications promptly.
* Members are expected to actively participate with legislative monitoring (typically contact impacted states in their GRC Region and following the progress of the bills/ regulations once identified; it is typically the Chair who combs through the software to identify the bills and then notifies the other members to “take the ball” for their respective regions) and GRC initiatives.
* Members are also expected to continually work to support their assigned state liaisons in any relevant tasks and to help develop resources for members and state liaisons on governmental relationship topics.

**STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES:**

* In conjunction with Zone Directors, improve connections with state representatives.
  + Partner with sponsoring vendors to fill in state contacts when necessary
  + Assess state needs for licensure in unlicensed states
  + Communicate state relevant information to zone members

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