



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The Legislative Committee monitors proposed state and national legislation policies and regulations affecting nursing and healthcare. The Committee evaluates, prioritizes, disseminates information, formulate positions (approved by the DNA Board) and proactively influence these policies.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

The following are the responsibilities of the Legislative Committee.

1. Stimulate and encourage DNA members to take an active part in civic and political affairs.
2. Develop a state legislative agenda and submit for approval to the Board of Directors.
3. Review proposed legislation for its implication for nursing and health and report findings to the Board and the official publication of the DNA.
4. Disseminate to DNA members information on health related legislative issues.
5. Draft appropriate legislation for introduction at municipal and state levels upon approval of the Board.
6. Act as liaison with ANA government affairs department.

COMPOSITION

The Legislative Committee shall consist of a chairperson and a minimum of two (2) additional members reflecting proportional representation from the geographical areas of the state.

QUALIFICATIONS

All counties must be represented in the membership of the committee.

TERM OF PARTICIPATION

Chairperson of the Communication Committee shall serve a two-year term or until a successor is appointed. Selection for a new Chairperson shall take place in the Fall of odd-year.¹

No member of a standing committee may serve more that two (2) consecutive terms on any one standing committee.²

TIME COMMITMENT

The following is an estimate of time and description of duties for the Chairperson:

1. Serves as the spokesperson for DNA legislative issues.
2. Represents DNA on legislative issues with the American Nurses Association (ANA).
3. Make Legislative Committee recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning current and pending legislation that will impact professional nursing practice and health care both state and nationally.
4. Make Legislative Committee recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the initiation and/or support of legislation that will impact professional nursing practice and health care in Delaware.

¹ DNA bylaws-Article VII, Section 3

² DNA bylaws-Article VII, Section 5

5. Coordinate legislative activities.
6. Supplies timely legislative information to be disseminated to the membership.
7. Submits quarterly news article to be included in the *DNA Reporter*.
8. Calls and attends meetings. Conference calls and emails may take the place of face-to-face meetings.
9. Attends and have voting privileges at the DNA Board Meetings as called by President with a minimum of four meetings a year.

The following is an estimate of time and duties of committee member:

1. Attends meetings as called by the Chairperson.
2. Assist with coordinating legislative activities.
3. Educate other members about the DNA legislative agenda.