



AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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APHA Action Board Member Description and Responsibilities

APHA's Action Board helps coordinate and lead APHA's grassroots and grassroots advocacy activities by improving participation in advocacy among the Sections, SPIGs, Caucuses and Affiliates. In carrying out their responsibilities, Action Board members serve as a liaison to the units they represent on APHA-related advocacy activities. Members serve for a 3-year term. In addition, the chair, the chair designate and two additional members appointed by the chair, serve as members of the Joint Policy Committee.

The Action Board seeks individuals that have demonstrated a passion for advocacy and an understanding of the legislative and regulatory process; and have the desire and ability to serve as a leader to help advance the association's advocacy efforts. Board members are expected to participate in the following activities:

- Bi-monthly conference calls.
- Monthly APHA Legislative Update conference calls.
- Attend two Action Board face-to-face meetings:
 - Midyear meeting (early spring in Washington, DC, including Capitol Hill visits).
 - Business meeting at the APHA Annual Meeting (Wednesday).
- Report Action Board updates and action on APHA advocacy priorities to your unit (Sections, Affiliates, SPIGs, Caucuses, Student Assembly etc.) via:
 - Newsletters/emails/APHA Connect.
 - Conference calls.
 - Your unit business meetings, including at the APHA Annual Meeting.
- Participate in at least one Action Board Workgroup:
 - Workgroups will focus on various efforts to engage the Action Board and the broader APHA membership and Affiliates in grassroots advocacy activities, media and social media advocacy and in participating in APHA's annual policy statement development process.
- Respond to action alerts and encourage members of your unit to respond to action alerts.
- Provide leadership on advocacy training for your unit.
- Participate in Hill visits supporting APHA's annual advocacy priorities during the Action Board midyear meeting in Washington, DC.
- Participate in, and encourage members of the unit you represent to participate in PHACT campaign activities including meetings with members of Congress and their staff, media advocacy and attending town hall meetings.
- Recommend federal legislators for the APHA Distinguished Public Health Legislator of the Year award.
- Serve as a conduit to encourage units to participate in APHA's policy statement development process.