



ADVOCACY COMMITTEE CHARGE

Purpose

Develop SOPHE's legislative agenda, plan resolutions and position statements, and organize the Advocacy Summit.

Number of Members: 20-25

Composition:

Members should include the Chair, Vice Chair, and a variety of members reflecting SOPHE's membership, including students, early career professionals, and a variety of tenure.

Method of Appointment

The Chair, Vice Chair, and members shall be appointed by the President, in consultation with the President-Elect and Chief Executive Officer. Members can self-nominate themselves to the committee. The Board has the final approval of the committee.

Term of Office

The two-year term begins immediately following the annual SOPHE Business Meeting of the Membership during the Annual Conference of the year appointed.

Accountability:

Reports to: Board of Trustees

Key relationships: Professional Development Committee, House of Delegates

Staff Liaison(s)

Maricela Arias-Cantu, CEO (primary); Eunice Lee, Associate Director, Professional Development (backup)

Responsibilities

- Develop the legislative agenda for SOPHE.
- Advocate for the public health education workforce.
- Develop resolutions and position statements that align with SOPHE's mission, vision, and values in the current landscape.
- Plan and organize the Advocacy Summit agenda and Hill Day.
- Identify priorities for Action Alerts.



- Collaborate with like-minded organizations and coalitions.
- Build relationships with legislators.
- Promote national, state, and local advocacy efforts.

Meeting Frequency:

Monthly

Estimated Time Commitment

3-5 hours per month

Scheduled

- Committee Zoom Meetings (monthly)

Busiest Times of the Year

- Planning the Advocacy Summit (March – October)
- Develop resolutions (ongoing)