

Legislation Committee Governing Document

Goal: To advocate for a legislative and regulatory environment that supports our member CPAs.

The Legislation Committee is a critical part of the Nebraska Society of CPAs' decision-making process. Members of the committee also play an important role in communicating to their fellow CPAs and in grassroots political efforts.

Following are five key functions of the committee and its members:

1. Make policy and priority recommendations to the Society Board of Directors.

The Legislation Committee should represent a broad cross-section of the membership. The committee is responsible for developing recommendations to the Society Board on positions and priorities involving legislative and regulatory issues that affect the profession.

2. Provide a forum for open discussion of current and emerging legislative and regulatory issues.

The Legislation Committee provides a forum for open discussion and debate on critical policy issues and new, emerging challenges facing the CPA profession.

3. Advocate and communicate Society policy priorities.

Legislation Committee members advocate and communicate Society positions with policymakers in the Nebraska Legislature and Congress, and with regulatory agencies. CPAs serving on the Legislation Committee also are encouraged to advocate for Society policy priorities with the general public and with their local media. In addition, committee members are to seek input and communication with CPAs in their area and throughout the state in regard to the Society's positions and actions on the issues. This two-way communication by Legislation Committee members is an important part of keeping the Society strong through broad-based membership and participation.

4. Participate in grassroots political activities.

Legislation Committee members are expected to actively participate in Society grassroots efforts, to attend the annual State Senators Reception & Dinner, and to join the Society's Key Persons Program.

5. Support the Political Education Committee.

Members are encouraged to contribute to the Society's PEC and attend candidate fundraisers in their districts and/or become involved in recruiting candidates for political office who support the CPA profession.