



# ASPAN

American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses

## **Governmental Affairs Strategic Work Team (SWT)**

### **Charter**

**May 2025 - May 2026**

**Purpose:** The Governmental Affairs Strategic Work Team (GA SWT) monitors pending legislation, governmental regulations, and administrative actions that may impact perianesthesia nursing, the nursing profession, and healthcare. Upholding ASPAN's Core Purpose to empower nurses to advance the specialty and promote perianesthesia nursing excellence by keeping current of government regulations affecting the practice.

**Authority:** Appointed by Vice President/President-Elect with oversight by the ASPAN President.

#### **Scope:**

1. Inform and educate ASPAN members about the policy process and the importance of individual and collective participation in the legislative system.
  - a. Monitor healthcare legislative and regulatory information and determine appropriate action needed by the Society, GA SWT, and/or ASPAN membership.
  - b. Establish and maintain mechanisms to ensure the Society can effectively respond to relevant issues.
    - i. Relay issues and information to the ASPAN Board of Directors and GA SWT, as needed.
    - ii. Update the communication tree (liaison assignments) annually to ensure efficiency.
    - iii. Communicate quarterly with component presidents and GA chairs to maintain regular contact.
  - c. Monitor other professional healthcare organizations for legislative concerns and establish networking.
  - d. Keep members informed of pertinent issues through ASPAN publications and the website.
  - e. Promote the importance of individual and collective advocacy in the legislative process.
  - f. Collaborate with the ASPAN Liaison to the Nursing Community Coalition, promote participation and attendance at Advocacy Days in Washington, DC.
2. Support components in developing individual GA committees to further ASPAN advocacy efforts at the national and state levels.
  - a. Provide education on state-level advocacy to component leaders as needed.
  - b. Provide legislative updates for component newsletter publication.

**Decision Making:** Prepare semi-annual reports for the ASPAN Board of Directors, summarizing legislative actions and initiatives. Provide immediate information to the ASPAN President as appropriate when critical issues arise.

**Outcomes:** ASPAN and its membership are informed of legislative actions and initiatives.  
ASPAN membership is prepared to take appropriate actions to advocate with legislative bodies to further perianesthesia nursing and health equity for patient populations