

# **American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPAN)**

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

### **Charter**

**May 2022 – May 2023**

**PURPOSE:** The Governmental Affairs Strategic Work Team (GA SWT) monitors pending legislation, governmental regulations and administrative actions that may have an impact on nursing and healthcare.

**AUTHORITY:** Appointed by the Vice President/President-Elect with oversight from the Vice President/President-Elect.

**SCOPE:**

1. Inform and educate ASPAN members about the legislative process and the importance of individual and collective participation in the system.
  - a. Monitor healthcare legislative and regulatory information and determine appropriate action needed by the Society, GA SWT, or ASPAN membership.
  - b. Establish and maintain mechanisms to assure that 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. Communicate with component leaders at least twice a year.
    - III. Update communication tree annually to ensure efficiency.
  - c. Monitor other professional healthcare organizations for legislative concerns and establish networking.
  - d. Keep membership informed of pertinent issues through ASPAN publications and the website.
  - e. Promote the importance of individual and collective participation in the legislative process.
  - f. The GA SWT Coordinator to attend the Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI) on behalf of ASPAN at least once.

**DECISION MAKING:** Prepare semi-annual reports to 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.