

GOVERNMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

WHY DOES THIS COMMITTEE/COUNCIL EVEN EXIST?

The Governmental Action Committee (GAC) was created to serve as the legislative body of the FDA that reports to the FDA Board of Trustees and reviews, analyzes, develops and supports/opposes legislative issues and regulatory issues that could have a negative or positive impact on organized dentistry; this includes issues addressed by the Governor's office, the state Cabinet, state agencies and departments, (which includes the Board of Dentistry) and the Legislature.

“JOB DESCRIPTION”: WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?

General Responsibilities of a Governmental Action Committee/GAC member:

- Participate on conference calls every Monday during regular legislative sessions. Calls may be scheduled to start at 7:30am or 1:00pm EST (about 9 weeks/calls).
- Participate on conference calls prior to each Florida Board of Dentistry (BOD) meeting to go over agenda items and prepare responses (FDA positions), when needed. Additionally, GAC members are assigned to serve as liaisons to members on the BOD.
- Participate (when needed) on emergency conference calls to determine the FDA's position on an issue that may appear before the Legislature or the BOD. These type of calls don't happen on a regular basis, but may called during your time on the committee.
- Stay up-to-date and familiar with the FDA's legislative priority issues.
- Participate as a Legislative Contact Dentist.
- Attend Dentists' Day on the Hill.
- Provides updates on legislative issues at component/affiliate meetings, when needed.

WHAT WILL I GAIN BY DEDICATING MY TIME AND TALENTS (What's in it for me?)

As a member of the GAC, you will have first-hand involvement in reviewing, developing and influencing legislative and regulatory issues impacting the dental profession. You will gain invaluable knowledge and understanding of the different levels of government and what role each plays in governing health care professionals. You will also gain leadership skills from your direct involvement in advocacy efforts, which may include political activities. If you would like your headshot to be included on the FDA website, please send a JPEG image to aluisi@floridadental.org.

SERIOUSLY, I'M REALLY BUSY! HOW MUCH TIME WILL THIS TAKE?

GAC meets weekly during the legislative sessions via conference calls. These calls typically take place either at 7:30am or 1:00 pm EST on Mondays. The calls usually lasts for 1 hour. Legislative session normally takes place at the beginning of March and lasts through the beginning of May (9 weeks). There may be times when session is scheduled January through March - usually right after a census year (for redistricting) or during even-numbered years.

GAC will hold conference calls prior to each Florida Board of Dentistry (BOD) meeting. The conference call is normally held two weeks prior to the BOD meeting on a Tuesday at 1:00pm EST for at least an hour. There is usually a second conference call tentatively scheduled the Tuesday of the week of the BOD meeting, just in case issues on the supplemental agenda need to be addressed prior to the meeting.



GAC also has a face-to-face meeting scheduled in conjunction to the ADA's 17th Delegation meeting that typically meets in the fall.

WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THIS COMMITTEE/COUNCIL?

Members serve one (1) year terms with a maximum of six (6) consecutive terms (regardless of the capacity in which they serve as members (plus, when applicable, service in fulfillment of a predecessor's unexpired term on the same committee).