

Government Affairs Committee Mission

To provide resources to our APWA membership regarding local, state, and national rules and legislation that affect public works.

History

In 2013, the Chapter Board of Directors hired a professional lobbyist to represent APWA's interests at the State Legislature. The Government Affairs Committee works with our lobbyist to identify and address issues that come before the Washington State Legislature.

How to request the committee to work on a legislative or policy issue?

Send an email to one of the Committee Co-Chairs Scott Sawyer at scott.sawyer@scjalliance.com or Jim Rioux at jrioux@ci.olympia.wa.us with the information listed below.

What does the committee do when they receive a request?

After receiving a request the committee will

- Conduct preliminary research
- Review the Legislative Principles and Legislative Agenda approved by the Chapter Board of Directors to ensure that working on this issue aligns with Board direction
- Contact the individual that requested GAC assistance to let them know what the GAC intends to do
- Take appropriate action to address the issue

What information does the committee need?

- **Issue Description**
Briefly describe the proposal or issue of concern. If the issue is associated with proposed legislation, provide the bill number and title.
- **Do you recommend that the Chapter take a position?** **Support** ___ **Oppose** ___
- **Discussion**
Give a more detailed summary of the issue or proposal including any pertinent information such as any background, history, or anecdotes that help define the problem.
- **Key contacts if known**
 - Legislators or state officials that should be contacted
 - Legislators intending to support or sponsor the proposal
 - Organizations supporting proposal
 - Organizations opposing the proposal