

UC-AFT Legislative Committee

Background on from relevant references from the UC-AFT Constitution:

Article II.

Section 1 - Objectives

The goals of UC-AFT shall be:

(6.) To propose and advocate appropriate legislation.

Article VI. Duties of Officers

Section 2 - Vice-Presidents

(1.) The Vice President for Legislation shall chair the Legislative Committee and work with the President and staff to develop and implement UC-AFT's legislative program. The Vice President for Legislation shall, in the absence of the President, perform the functions and duties of the President.

Proposal for July 24th Council Meeting

Legislative Committee Objectives:

The Legislative Committee shall be responsible for determining legislative positions as brought to this Committee by the VP of Legislation and sending recommendations for determination to the Executive Board. This committee will include one (1) member, from either bargaining unit (Unit 17 or Unit 18), from each UC-AFT chapter. The committee will convene via two (2) virtual meetings in a calendar year and in the interim periods make determinations on any relevant matters via email correspondence. Quorum at virtual meetings will be determined by a simple majority and meetings run by Roberts Rule of Orders. Virtual meetings will be announced five (5) calendar days in advance of the meeting via email to all members of the committee and also posted on the UC-AFT website, along with the agenda.

Proposed Committee Roles and Responsibilities:

Roles: *Chair, Vice-Chair, and Chapters Communications Liaison*

Responsibilities:

Chair - In the role of VP of Legislation the Chair will have the following primary areas of responsibility: 1). Legislative Strategy and Legislative Committee Meetings, 2). Lobbying and Consultation with CFT, and 3). Endorsements and COPE Processes.

1). The Chair will make recommendations on legislation for the consideration of the Legislative Committee, set Legislative Committee meeting agendas with the Vice-Chair, facilitate Legislative Committee meetings, and host occasional Legislative Update meetings (when appropriate with invited guests) open to all UC-AFT members.

2). The Chair will attend CFT Legislative Committee meetings and be the main point of contact with CFT lobbyists to support CFT sponsored legislation. As VP of Legislation the Chair will also act as the primary UC-AFT advocate for any legislation that directly affects UC-AFT members. In addition, whether these are in-person meetings at the State Capitol and District Offices or virtual lobby days/visits, the Chair will work with CFT staff to plan and implement lobby days/visits.

3). The Chair will work with the Legislative Committee to update UC-AFT Committee on Political Education (COPE) Bylaws for approval by the Executive Board and Council, as well as any and all local endorsement processes for elections. At meetings the Chair will be responsible for taking minutes and documenting any legislative actions in the form of recommendations to the Executive Board, public positions on legislation via letters of support, or other requests for support as made by the Committee. In addition the Chair will work with the Secretary-Treasurer on implementing any future COPE collection programs.

Vice-Chair - The Vice-Chair position will by default be the past VP of Legislation for the year (academic year) following the outgoing VP of Legislation term. The Vice Chair will work with the Chair to set agendas and will attend UC-AFT Legislative Meetings. The Vice-Chair will work with the Chair to create a Legislative Repository where minutes, recommendations, letters of support, and other documents will be archived.

Chapters Communications Liaison - The Chapters Communications Liaison will be responsible for sharing any relevant legislative updates and information with all UC-AFT chapters. This will include invitations to Legislative Update meetings, lobby days/visits, and any relevant training events open to UC-AFT members. The Chapters Communications Liaison will work with the Chair and Vice-Chair to create graphics for social media (and print when needed) to announce special events, such as endorsement meetings, Legislative Update meetings, lobby days/visits, etc. In addition the Chapters Communications Liaison will work with the Chair and Vice-Chair to maintain the Legislative Repository.