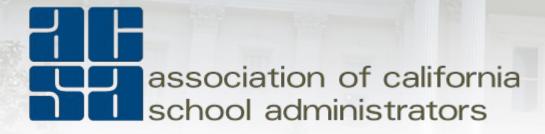


GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY: ENGAGING THE ACSA VOICE

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Vice Presidents for Legislative Action | Purpose

- Develop, maintain, and leverage relationships with local legislators
- Maintain legislative contact systems for disseminating information: Legislative contacts, reliable legislative alert systems within your region, respond to action alerts from ACSA
- Oversee the endorsement process of legislative candidates
- Foster and coordinate region participation in the political process



Legislative Policy Committee | Purpose

- Assist in the establishment of ACSA's Legislative Platform
- LPC members will communicate with and solicit feedback from their region or job-alike council/committee regarding bill analysis
- During meetings LPC members will review, provide guidance, and take positions on proposed legislation to guide ACSA's advocacy efforts
- ACSA members, including LPC and VPLA members, may be asked to testify on legislation in hearings, send letters, make phone calls, and meet with their legislators to help pass or kill legislation



Legislative Policy Committee

- 19 Region Representatives
- 13 Council Representatives
- 6 Committee Representatives
- 1 VPLA Liaison

Roles

- Reviews and votes to take positions on legislation after consulting with the region or group represented
- Updates ACSA's Legislative Platform based on priorities set by the Board/Leadership



One Voice For Students Legislative Platform

- Reviewed/updated yearly with a new platform created bi-annually
- Based on priorities set by the Board/Leadership
- ACSA GR drives the process with a subcommittee from the Legislative Policy Committee
- The platform guides ACSA's advocacy and aligns with ACSA's Mission



<u>Vice Presidents for Legislative</u> Action

- 19 Region Representatives
- 1 State VPLA (Elected)
- LPC Chair Liaison

Roles

- Advocate on behalf of ACSA
- Recommend candidate endorsements
- Plan Legislative Action Day
- Build relationships with legislators

Legislative Policy Committee

ACSA GR identifies legislation for discussion



At the end of each year, GR & LPC update or create a new legislative platform

LPC members report back to their region, council, or committee LPC solicits input & expertise from region, council, or committee

LPC meetings with GR to review and take positions on legislation

Advocates send letters, testify, & send action alerts to members

Vice Presidents for Legislative Action

Develop & maintain relationships with legislators

Oversee the endorsement of local candidates

Legislative platform & positions taken by LPC influence Legislative Action Day

Create reliable alert systems for disseminating information

Train & encourage their region to participate in grassroots efforts

Coordinate region participation in Legislative Action Day

Region Roles

- Get involved with Legislative Policy Committee and Vice President for Legislative Action advocacy efforts in your region
 - Develop relationships with your region VPLA and LPC member and know who they are!
 - > Help your region develop a contact system
- Respond to Call to Action requests from State ACSA
- Ensure your region, job-alike council or committee is represented on LPC and VPLA



Grassroots Advocacy Resources

- <u>WWW.ACSA.ORG/ADVOCACY</u>
- **WWW.ACSA.ORG/ADVOCACY-IN-ACTION**
- GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY TOOLKIT & LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM ON ACSA'S WEBSITE
- FIND YOUR LEGISLATOR ON ACSA'S ADVOCACY IN ACTION WEBSITE
- ACSA GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS STAFF
- VISIT <u>WWW.ACSA.ORG/REGIONS-AND-CHARTERS</u> FOR MORE INFORMATION FROM YOUR REGION





