

Government Affairs Committee

Composition and Qualifications

This committee is composed of members interested in representing the interests of their fellow Flight Attendants in regard to political and legislative action.

Qualifications include:

- Previous experience in government affairs work and/or a political background is helpful, but not required.
- Understanding of the political and legislative systems.
- Up-to-date knowledge and understanding of current legislative activities and political climate.
- Willingness to participate in political action including picketing, leafleting, and canvassing.
- Adherence to committee policies, procedures, and standards of ethical conduct.
- Maintenance of member-in-good-standing status.
- Ability to remain in good standing with the company.
- Willingness to do ongoing committee work on a volunteer basis.
- Committee members should be registered to vote.
- Participation in FlightPAC is encouraged.

Purpose and Scope

The Government Affairs Committee's responsibility is to monitor and pursue legislative activities that relate to the AFA political agenda and to build positive relationships with candidates for office and elected officials.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

- Make suggestions on initiatives that could be pursued in legislative affairs and political matters at the local level to the Local Executive Council (LEC). All problems/issues shall be discussed with the LEC President and MEC Government Affairs Committee Chairperson for coordination at the airline level, or for processing at the AFA International level.
- Schedule and attend meetings with local elected officials and key staff.
- Act on and follow through on directives as established in the AFA Constitution & Bylaws and FlightPAC.
- Provide information about the FlightPAC program to Local Council Members. Coordinate enrollment for members who wish to participate.
- Act on recommendations of the AFA Director of Government Affairs and AFA Legislative Policy Committee.
- Offer timely communications and reports to the LEC regarding the status of local activities.
- Review material, handle correspondence, and keep Local Council Members well informed of current legislative developments through the Communications Committee and reports at Local Council meetings.

Communication

- Act as liaison between the membership and the Local Executive Council (LEC) Officers. The Local Committee Chairperson will act as liaison between the Local Committee and the MEC Committee Chairperson.
- Coordinate with the Local Committee Chairperson regarding all activities.
- Collaborate with other AFA committees as needed.
- Report to the LEC Officers on any discussion with management.
- Recommendations for change will be presented to the LEC Officers in writing.
- Any AFA committee appointed by the LEC and empowered to conduct discussions with management on behalf of the flight attendants must first meet with the LEC Officers prior to forming any agreement to gain the direction of the LEC.
- The committee will not make any policy that conflicts with LEC, MEC, or AFA policy.