AAHPM 2027 Volunteer Opportunities

2027 AAHPM Call for Volunteers - Opportunity Descriptions

Annual Assembly Program Planning Committee

The Annual Assembly Program Planning Committee designs a comprehensive educational experience including a variety of sessions using evaluation and needs assessment data, educational abstract submissions, and knowledge of current issues.

Academic Palliative Medicine Council

The Academic Palliative Medicine Council works through the Academy governance structure to ensure that issues and programs important to academic palliative care clinicians are addressed and developed. The APM Council will foster and build meaningful communication, connection, and collaboration among academic palliative medicine professionals, expand and develop opportunities further engagement within the Academy, and identify and develop resources for academic palliative medicine clinicians.

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee is tasked with reviewing nominees for AAHPM's annual awards and making selections based on established criteria and a thorough evaluation of each nominee's qualifications.

Communities Committee

The Communities Committee provides strategic oversight for the Academy's member community framework. Creating policies, guidelines and resources to ensure all AAHPM communities remain aligned with organizational priorities, foster meaningful engagement, and advance the Academy's mission. The committee oversees the Fellows of the Academy (FAAHPM) application and review process, maintains eligibility standards, and recommends qualified candidates to receive this honor.

Community Leaders- Chair-Elect Positions

General Responsibilities:

- Set Direction: Identify content your community would like to see and plan quarterly meetings.
- Engage in Outreach: Participate in AAHPM Community Leader Town Hall calls, utilize the Connect platform, and keep apprised of issues of interest pertinent to your community
- Participate: Promote and attend all community meetings.
- Provide Insight: Partner with staff to promote programs and services directed to communities. Communicate Academy announcements and opportunities to community members.
- Plan for the Future: Help find an emerging leader who would be a good candidate for community chair successor.

The Chair Elect role is open for the following Academy Communities. To learn more about each community, visit this page.

- **Accessibility, Disability, and Inclusion in HPM Community**
- **Cancer and Cancer Treatment Community**
- **Early Career Professionals Community**
- **Early Investigators Community**
- **East and South Asian Professionals, Patients, and Families in HPC Community**
- **Education Community**

- **Emergency Medicine Community**
- **Ethics Community**
- **Global Community**
- **Grief, Bereavement, and Resiliency Community**
- **Heart Failure Community**
- **Humanities and Spirituality Community**
- **ICU Community**
- **Integrative Medicine Community**
- **Latino Professionals, Patients, and Families in HPC Community**
- **LGBTQI+ Community**
- **Long-Term Care & Geriatrics Community**
- **Neuropalliative Community**
- **Outpatient Palliative Care Community**
- **Primary Care Community**
- **Program Leaders Community**
- **Psychosocial and Mental Health Community**
- **Research Community**
- **Richard Payne Black Professionals, Patients, and Families in HPC Community**
- **Rural & Urban Underserved Community**
- **Safe Use of Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies Community**
- **Substance Use Disorder Community**
- **Surgical and Perioperative Care Community**
- **Sustainable Practice & Wellbeing Community**
- **Telehealth and Technology Community**
- **Veterans Community**

Curriculum and Faculty Development Committee

The Curriculum and Faculty Development Committee champions hospice and palliative medicine faculty development pathways. The committee serves as a strategic body that guides AAHPM's work in curricula support, competency development, and advancing a diverse hospice and palliative care workforce to represent the populations it serves. In partnership with AAHPM staff and volunteer leaders, the committee champions educational innovation and faculty development initiatives.

Development Committee

The Development Committee engages members who are passionate about advancing hospice and palliative medicine and strengthening the community that supports it. Members serve as ambassadors and philanthropic champions, cultivate meaningful relationships, broaden participation in giving, and help secure the resources AAHPM needs to invest in the field's people, progress, and future.

Fellowship Training Committee

The Fellowship Training Committee empowers hospice and palliative medicine fellowship directors to achieve excellence by providing programs and tools to enhance the quality and diversity of their fellowship programs. This committee manages fellowship grant programs; including distribution of grants, program development for recipient programs, and oversight for impact studies.

Finance and Audit Committee

The Finance and Audit Committee is responsible for establishing a financial and auditing system that is consistent with current law and follows good accounting principles, preparing an annual budget for approval

by the board, seeing that a certified audit or review is conducted annually, and supervising the maintenance of complete and correct records and books of all financial matters.

Governance Committee

The Governance Committee is responsible for maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of the Academy's governance process and structure. This includes ensuring that the board meets its legal, ethical, and functional responsibilities through the development of effective policies, active committee engagement, strategic board recruitment, comprehensive orientation programs, regular self-assessment, ongoing education, and effective management practices.

Hospice Medicine Council

The Hospice Medicine Council works through the Academy governance structure to ensure that issues and programs important to hospice clinicians are addressed and developed. The HM Council will foster and build meaningful communication, connection and collaboration among hospice professionals, expand and develop opportunities for to further engagement within the Academy and identify and support resources for hospice professionals.

Item Writing Task Force

AAHPM has several educational initiatives on the horizon that will require a large number of items to deliver multiple test forms to purchasers and participants. To expand the item banks, AAHPM is seeking support from the Hospice and Palliative Medicine community to assist in developing test questions. Item writers should have good writing skills, strong knowledge of the subject matter, and a willingness to learn.

Leadership and Career Development Committee

The Leadership and Career Development Committee is charged with providing guidance regarding development and execution of dynamic training and learning experiences, ensuring interprofessional are equipped with effective leadership and management skills appropriate for varied and evolving health care settings.

Leadership Development Committee

The Leadership Development Committee is responsible for identifying and cultivating new leaders within the organization, as well as recruiting future leaders for both the Board and various committees. The committee ensures that the nominating process and leadership opportunities are well-publicized, and it is tasked with developing the slate of candidates for officers and directors. A key priority of the committee is to conduct the nominating process in a fair and transparent manner.

Next Gen Scholars Work Group

The Next Gen Scholars Work Group plays a vital role in identifying and cultivating relationships with HBCUs and overseeing the scholars and sponsors' application, selection and matching process. This group also makes recommendations on how to improve the program and expand marketing efforts.

Pediatrics Council

The Pediatrics Council works through the Academy governance structure advance pediatric care by facilitating best practices, education, research, advocacy and collaboration to ensure better care for pediatric patients and their families throughout the medical continuum.

Position Statements Work Group - Palliative Care Access and Balanced Pain Care Policy During the Overdose Crisis

The Palliative Care Access and Balanced Pain Care Policy During the Overdose Crisis Position Statement Work Group is a subcommittee of the Position Statements Committee and will meet for up to 18 months for the task of:

1. Evaluating relevant research, policy, practice, and other background,
2. Incorporating input from subject matter experts as needed,

3. Ensuring content reflects current evidence and aligns with AAHPM's mission, vision, and values, for the purpose of: Developing a new AAHPM Position Statement on Palliative Care Access and Balanced Pain Care Policy During the Overdose Crisis.

Position Statements Work Group - Equitable, Affirming Care for LGBTQIA+ Individuals with Serious Illness

The Equitable, Affirming Care for LGBTQIA+ Individuals with Serious Illness Position Statement Work Group is a subcommittee of the Position Statements Committee and will meet for up to 18 months for the task of:

1. Evaluating relevant research, policy, practice, and other background,
2. Incorporating input from subject matter experts as needed,
3. Ensuring content reflects current evidence and aligns with AAHPM's mission, vision, and values, for the purpose of: Developing a new AAHPM Position Statement on Equitable, Affirming Care for LGBTQIA+ Individuals with Serious Illness.

Publications Committee

The Publications Committee serves as the forum for strategic oversight, communication and coordination regarding AAHPM official publications, including Journal of Pain and Symptom Management, PC-FACs and AAHPM Quarterly.

Public Policy Committee

The Public Policy Committee examines public policy issues with the potential to impact members, their patients, and the field; develop AAHPM's advocacy agenda; guides the Academy's response to legislative and regulatory proposals.

Quality Committee

The Quality Committee promotes and guides activities that improve the quality of health care and advance evidence-based practice and person-centered research to support quality and equitable care for people with serious illness and their caregivers in all settings.

Quality Measures Reporting Work Group

The Quality Measures Reporting Work Group is a subcommittee of the Quality Committee and will weigh in on and advise AAHPM on advocacy position and strategy regarding legislative and regulatory policies impacting quality measurement and reporting such as MIPS, the larger Quality Payment Program, digital quality measurement, Age-Friendly Health Systems, the HOPE tool, and other topics.

Research Committee

The Research Committee recommends ways in which the Academy can promote training, collaborating, funding and advancing of evidence-based practice and person-centered research to support quality and equitable care, while fostering the Academy as the home for hospice and palliative medicine interprofessional researchers.