The purpose of the American Diabetes Association Advocacy Committee is to provide policy direction to all of the Association’s advocacy efforts on both the federal and state level and to provide leadership to Diabetes Advocates throughout the country.

Charge & Responsibilities:

1. Lead advocacy efforts to:
   - Increase federal and state funding for diabetes prevention, treatment and research;
   - Prevent diabetes;
   - Improve the availability of accessible, adequate and affordable healthcare; and
   - Eliminate discrimination against people with diabetes at school, work, and elsewhere in their lives.

2. Develop and implement annual Advocacy Committee priorities that align with the Association’s strategic plan and yearly Association-wide organizational priorities and that further the Association’s commitment to increasing federal and state diabetes funding, preventing diabetes, improving the availability of healthcare, and eliminating discrimination. In all areas, there is an ongoing commitment to ending health disparities.

3. Review and approve annual legislative, regulatory, and legal advocacy priorities.

4. Review and promote the activities of the Legal Advocacy and Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittees; African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific American, and Latino Diabetes Action Councils; Advocate Engagement and Safe at School Workgroups; and any other national advocacy groups.

5. Grow the number and level of engagement of advocacy volunteers, including youth, and facilitate communication and teamwork among all advocacy volunteers and between advocacy volunteers and staff, with specific attention to increasing Advocacy engagement in communities most disparately impacted by diabetes.

6. Promote the Association’s advocacy efforts internally and externally to increase participation, success, and revenue.

7. Work cooperatively on advocacy activities with other organizations and agencies.

8. Promote the Association’s core values of integrity, leadership, ownership, inclusion, trust, and passion for making a difference.

Provide written reports to the Board of Directors

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Advocacy Committee (continued)

Qualifications for Membership

Experience in legislative, legal, or grassroots advocacy, or a substantive area of advocacy concern (e.g., diabetes research, health reform, discrimination).

Membership is composed of the following positions:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Chairs of the Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee and Legal Advocacy Subcommittee (for their designees)
- Chairs of African American, American, Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific American, and Latino Diabetes Action Councils (or their designees)
- Up to 3 Community Leadership Board (CLB) Advocacy Chairs
- Up to 4 At-Large Members