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**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**March 2025**

**Committee Leaership & Members**

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* **ACA Contacts** - Guila Todd & Caitlin Flanagan

**Activities to Date**

Strategic Planning

* Completed Policy Workstream process development to codify process for identifying and advocating for critical legislation and regulations. *See* [*Policy Workstream Plan 2024-2025*](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RPR3SCBgpkU7i0HWvDdxlGNaQBRqoEqkIpRf5gFxT24/edit?usp=sharing)*.*
* Completed Guidance Document for policy projects to create a checklist for carrying out and finishing policy projects. *See* [*Guidance Document: Step-by-Step Process for Policy Projects*](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O6tr_eh1AzNXkfBDSPE_cnj06B16p-9sDlKhwHJMGxg/edit?usp=sharing)*.*
* Wrote Communication Strategy to guide the committee’s current communication work and to build out capabilities into the future. *See* [*Phased Approach for GR Committee to Communicate Campaign Activity and Updates*](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L0lHr3VmdCfDrUbSeaxZ1dUDLdDpFk9Z3o4dQmE8tiQ/edit?usp=sharing)*.*

Policy

* Held committee and Board overview and training on FiscalNote and VoterVoice tools to support advocacy work.
* Created User Guide for FiscalNote and VoterVoice to guide new and existing users through the tools. *See* [*User Guide for FiscalNote and VoterVoice*](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sW3zRDwPuHH4oYKUcqXe7oujFa49EPS0/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=114732361632727488265&rtpof=true&sd=true)*.*
* NCDA Policy Submissions
	+ [*NCDA Comment on FR Doc#2024-29996*](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KNhAeqVd5KJUFFe2yG2B8d1kyfSrz_2x/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=114732361632727488265&rtpof=true&sd=true)
	+ [*NCDA Skills Investment Act letter*](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YnMSxW3mPfetseHwFV_RanhUrQBsl5I51frZ2NFZmOk/edit?usp=sharing)*.*

Member Services

* Held webinar on April 28, 2005, for all NCDA members on FiscalNote, VoterVoice, and how to advocate in their own chapters and individually.
* Sent [NCDA Government Relations Survey Assessing the Impact of Recent Executive Orders on NCDA Members](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Y6PJw1oLKSCSWSxd78acMmRhOgg6vPdE4VTGnUtZsUU/edit) to direct advocacy efforts and collect stories to share with congressional offices.
* Developed and sent weekly reports on federal legislative and regulatory activity in the career development space.
* Developed and implementing weekly, state-specific reports to support state CDAs by providing state-level updates on state legislative and regulatory activity in the career development space.
* Developing widget for inclusion on the NCDA website to encourage easy grassroots advocacy at the Member level.
* Completed [Board-Approved Campaign Initiatives](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XGzVjzj6pJ0gPeDKrkKxE7KUDbvDZ5yHN04k5EA44DM/edit?usp=sharing) to outline communication procedures about advocacy work to ensure that Members see the value the GRC and NCDA are delivering to them.

**Projected Plan/Work Planned to be Completed through September 30.**

* **Conference Presentation** – GR Committee to present on its work, future advocacy work, and to give a short training on advocacy during the 2025 NCDA Conference.
* **Legislative Award** – GR Committee to nominate and present the legislative award to the winner during the 2025 NCDA Conference.
* **Continued Reporting** – Weekly reports to committee members, the board, and interested members giving real time updates on federal legislation and regulations impacting issues under the NCDA policy platform.
* **Policy Positions** – GRC to identify draft legislation and regulations of interest, write policy comments, gain board approval, and submit official comments to policymakers.
* **NCDA Website** – GRC to continue work to add widgets to the NCDA website for real time updates and member advocacy outreach.
* **Hill Day** – GRC to plan and coordinate Hill Day including creating talking points, briefing books, training, and scheduling meetings with congressional offices.