

## ***Governmental Affairs Committee***

### ***1-year position, 2-3 hour commitment per month***

- Monitor state & national policy actions to ensure that VATA's interests & objectives are adequately represented at all levels of government
- Support & advocate for legislation & policies that promote the profession & practice of art therapy
- Create reports of progress regarding licensure efforts, issues, advocacy events, advocacy actions, etc.
- Research Advocacy Days that align with VATA's mission
- Maintain coordination with other committees as needed

### ***Formal Description (per ByLaws)***

1. The Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) shall consist of at least three (3) members of the Chapter to include the Delegate and/or the appointed Chapter GAC Chair, as well as a minimum of two other members of the Chapter.
2. Monitor state and national policy actions to ensure that the Association's interests and objectives are adequately represented at all levels of government, and supports and advocates for legislation and policies that promote the profession and practice of art therapy.
3. Send communications and requests regarding state policy issues to both the GAC Chair and the National Association's Director of Public Policy.
  - a. Communications on state legislative issues and activities shall take place between the National Association's GAC Chair, the Chapter's governmental affairs chair, and the Association's Director of Public Policy and Advocacy.
4. Create a monthly report to share at the board meeting, updating board of progress regarding licensure efforts, issues, advocacy events, advocacy actions, etc.
5. Research Advocacy Days that align with VATA's mission.
  - a. Creates task list/timeline
  - b. Coordinate with Membership to recruit participants
6. Provide board with post- advocacy event review, number attended, what went well, what can be improved (due within one week of event completion).
7. Take pictures/document each event for the website and social media.
8. Coordinates with Social Media Committee/ Secretary to ensure adequate advertisement of advocacy events on social media, website, and VATA email.