

## 2022-2023 House of Delegates Work Group Charter

**Work Group Title:** Water Advocacy

**Work Group Rationale:**

For the last year (2021-2022), the Federal Advocacy Work Group continued work carried forward from the previous year (2020-2021) with particular focus on growing WEF's Water Advocate program. After successfully accomplishing its goals this year, we will be sunsetting the Federal Advocacy Work Group and creating the Water Advocacy Work Group, shifting our focus away from solely federal advocacy toward more local, provincial, and state advocacy.

**Work Group Goals:**

Subgroup 1: State and Local Advocacy

1. Gather best practices/ guidance for state and local government outreach from MA's that are active.
  - a. Create list of MA points of contact who have led these advocacy efforts for reference by other MAs.
  - b. Coordinate with WEFMAX committee and staff leader Dianne Crilley.
  - c. Consider the advocacy work of other industries which may provide best practices that would apply to our industry.
2. Provide guidance on how to leverage federal outreach efforts for state and local benefit and vice versa.
3. Determine the top 5 organizations MAs are collaborating with for state and local advocacy.
  - a. What's going well?
  - b. What can be improved?

Subgroup 2: Federal Advocacy

4. Provide input to WEF Government Affairs Committee on enhanced partnerships with other water advocacy organizations that make sense to enhance our advocacy efforts.
5. Determine how best to increase the participation of WEF delegates in the annual "Fly-In".

6. Provide input to WEF Government Affairs Committee on the effectiveness of the Water Advocates program and propose any improvements.

### Subgroup 3: Priority Issues and Position Statements

7. Foster connection to MAs with Government Affairs Committee, focusing on the "how" of advocacy and not the "what".
8. Coordinate with Government Affairs Committee to collate most important water industry issues that trickle down from the federal level to the local level.
  - a. Extract top-three priorities that can be shared with all MAs
  - b. Develop plans and strategies to address these priorities
9. Provide input on implementation of position statements in conjunction with Government Affairs Committee.
10. How can this committee surface position statements that are developed on the local level and communicated by MAs? Through Government Affairs Committee or directly to the Board of Trustees? How can we ensure that the stakeholders are included in the review process?

### Additional Consideration: Future Plans

11. Since this is the third year in a row that we have a workgroup related to water advocacy, explore whether this workgroup should become a permanent committee and if yes:
  - a. Provide proposed charter language for the Policies and Procedures.
  - b. Determine how the proposed permanent committee aligns with the new WEF strategic plan.

### **Work Group Deliverables:**

1. Proposed updates to the Policies and Procedures for addition of Water Advocacy Committee.
  - a. Insert edits directly into a copy of the Policies and Procedures with tracked changes.
2. List of best practices/ guidance for state and local government outreach.
3. List of outcomes from all the efforts of the workgroup to meet the stated goals.

4. Power Point presentation of outcomes including recommendations and a sample of proposed updates to the Policies and Procedures at WEFTEC 2023.
5. Quarterly reports of workgroup progress, due one month prior to the due date for HOD quarterly reports to the WEF Board of Trustees.

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**Proposed Members to include** Delegates from MAs who are active in local and state advocacy, and any current delegate who can contribute to this important work.

**Work Group Schedule of Deliverables:**

Speaker of the House Report Dates:

- Mid-Year – Date TBD
- Spring – Date TBD
- Summer – Date TBD
- Final – Date TBD

Internal Review Deadlines: To be determined by Work Group Co-Chairs

**Work Group Schedule of Conference Calls:** Monthly (Day to be determined)

**Work Group Member Expectations:**

Duties and Responsibilities of Work Co-Chairs:

- Act as a liaison for HOD Steering Committee and Speaker of the House.
- Preside over the initial Work Group meeting at WEFTEC.
- Conduct Work Group progress meetings via conference call.
- Appoint Subgroup Leaders.
- Take minutes during the monthly meetings and distribute an action item list following the meeting
- Prepare quarterly written reports for the Speaker of the House describing the progress of the Work Group.
- Appoint presenters for the HOD meeting at each WEFMAX.

Duties and Responsibilities of Subgroup Leader:

- Act as a liaison for the Subgroup and Work Group Co-Chairs.
- Preside over Subgroup progress meetings.
- Attend and be prepared for Work Group progress meetings.
- Provide verbal updates of Subgroup progress at monthly meetings or a written update if unable to attend.
- Provide quarterly written updates for Work Group Co-Chairs to include in the Speaker of the House Reports.

Duties and Responsibilities of all Work Group Members:

- Serve as a representative for your MA or interest group (DAL) during discussions.
- Participate in Work Group and Subgroup calls on a regular basis.
- Be prepared for monthly meeting and responsive to email requests.
- TBD by Work Group

**Work Group Roster: TBD**