



NYSNA Committee Information

How are Committees' Work Planned Each Year?

- Every Committee is provided with an annual committee charge(s) based on the NYSNA Strategic Plan as well as other charges identified by the Board.
- Each Committee receives the charges every year in mid- to late-November.

How are Committees and Task Forces Organized?

Each committee is led by an appointed chair. Committee members are selected based on the applications received and the number of members is determined by the workload of that specific committee. A Committee is supported by a NYSNA staff liaison, and a NYSNA Board liaison who works with the Chair and committee members.

How Often Do Committees and Task Forces Meet?

NYSNA committees will hold virtual meetings throughout the year, the exact number will vary depending on the workload of the committee. NYSNA leadership expects members to commit to attending scheduled meetings.

What are the Term Limits?

Committee members only serve for one year at a time but may reapply the following year to serve again. This allows the leadership to easily add, or sunset committees as needed (based on the needs of the strategic plan). This also provides our members with the flexibility to change their committee interests, or their time commitments as needed.

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AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Annually review awards/scholarships offered by NYSNA and recommend any changes to the board. Select recipients of all scholarships and awards throughout the year: Memorial Trust Fund Scholarship, Anne B. Gennings, Champion of Child Nutrition, NYSNA Shining Star, SNA Director, Manager, Employee of the Year, and Industry Member of the Year.

FARM TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Work with allied organizations on Farm to School initiatives and activities. Act in advisory capacity on relevant issues. NYSNA serves as the Co-chair of the NYS Farm to School Coordinating Committee. Serve on the NY Food for NY Kids Coalition (led by American Farmland Trust). Be responsible for publishing the Farm to School Partnership Award Information in a timely manner and judge submissions, alongside NYS Dept of Agriculture & Markets. Find ways to promote the NY 30% Incentive program and other related farm to school initiatives/events.

INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Industry Advisory Committee supports NYSNA's mission and vision by providing input and recommendations to the Association from an industry perspective and serves as liaisons to the industry membership in support of the priority issues of the association.

Committee Responsibilities:

- Enhance communications between industry partners and NYSNA leadership and membership.
- Provides feedback and recommendations on NYSNA events to the leadership of NYSNA.
 - Recommendations on the exhibit hall procedures and management.
 - Recommendations for NYSNA workshops and breakout sessions for both exhibitors and members.
 - Recommendations/strategies for improving and growing the annual conference.
- Serves as a sounding board for new NYSNA programs impacting industry that are under consideration.
- Recommends new ideas for association programs and projects.
- Promotes membership in NYSNA.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee has the responsibility to provide input and suggestions regarding NYSNA and SNA membership. The Committee reviews, assesses and recommends member services, as well as provide input to NYSNA staff on concepts and plans to promote NYSNA programs and services.

This committee also helps build grassroots support for member recruitment and retention by supporting the efforts of Area Directors on encouraging participation in campaigns and challenges. The committee members also participate in providing fun and high visibility ideas for building membership at NYSNA events.

Committee Responsibilities:

- Provide input and suggestions on SNA membership and member programs and services.
- Promote NYSNA and SNA membership and member services at state conferences.
- Review policies pertaining to membership as requested by the board of directors.
- Discuss and assess what is and is not working with SNA membership recruitment and retention efforts.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Professional Development Committee supports NYSNA's mission and vision by assessing and prioritizing the professional development needs of the members and assists in the development and evaluation of training courses and materials. They promote the SNA Certified and SNS credentialing programs, and work to meet the strategic plan strategies and committee charges.

Committee Responsibilities:

- Recommends standards, policies and procedures pertaining to implementation of professional growth and education programs to the Board of Directors
- Recommends education programs and method of delivery.
- Monitors and comply with the NYSNA Strategic Plan, supports the Annual Plan of Work and assesses education programs annually to determine if they are current, need to be updated or should be removed.

PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

The Public Policy and Legislation Committee supports NYSNA's mission and vision by recommending and advocating Child Nutrition program public policy positions for the Association, responding to regulatory and legislative initiatives, informing NYSNA members about policy issues and activating the Association's grassroots network.

The committee is responsible for all state level legislative and public policy activities. Monitor relevant legislation at the state level and keep the board, and the members informed on a timely basis. Develop annual legislative agendas for board approval. Monitor SNA legislative activity and suggest proposed legislative actions to the SNA PP&L committee. Participate in/promote lobby days, as needed.

Committee Responsibilities:

- Evaluates, interprets, recommends and responds to legislation and regulations.
- Prepares and disseminates policy, legislative and regulatory information in an accurate and timely manner.
- Implements Association's multi-year Legislative Action Plan.
- Ensures membership is informed on current legislation, with the help of the headquarters liaison.
- Develops legislative policy and positions for approval of the Board.
- Assists in planning the Legislative Action Conference program.

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