

Legislative Forum Charter and Protocols

Purpose

The Legislative Forum is open to any AGC member interested in participating in the shaping of the chapter's core policies. Participants include representation across all contractor sectors and industry associates. AGC's chief strategy and policy officer and lobbying team utilize the core policies to guide their efforts in Salem.

Forum Leadership Co-Chair: Dee Burch, Advanced American Construction Co-Chair: Tom Gerding, Gerding Builders	Staff Liaison Kirsten Adams, kirstena@agc-oregon.org , 503-990-2262
Meeting Frequency Annual; additional meetings at discretion of the Co-Chairs	How to Get Involved Open to all chapter members

Meeting Frequency

Meetings are held annually. Additional meetings will be convened at the discretion of the co-chairs to develop and approve the core policies to be recommended to AGC's Board of Directors.

Development of Core Policies

Process

During the legislative session, the lobbying team utilizes AGC's core policies to guide them in their lobbying efforts.

The Legislative Forum is open to all AGC members to offer their views and voice their opinions regarding any legislative issue.

Following the meeting(s), the AGC chief strategy and policy officer drafts a recommended new set of core policies that is reviewed by the co-chairs prior to being sent to the Board of Directors for final review and formal adoption.

Forum Leadership and In-Session Protocols

Forum Leadership

The Legislative Forum is led by co-chairs. The Forum co-chairs are appointed by the president. The co-chairs serve as long as they are willing and able.

In-Session Protocols

Legislative sessions and effective lobbying efforts often demand immediate decisions. When bills are introduced that raise issues *not* addressed by the core policies, the chief strategy and policy officer is responsible for consulting with first the chief executive officer, or, if needed, the co-chairs or a member of AGC's leadership with recognized issue-specific expertise. If the co-chairs, AGC issue expert, or the chief executive officer cannot provide direction, the chapter president will determine a course of action and next steps.

Testimony Protocol

If a member advocates a position that differs from AGC's adopted policy position, the member is expected to declare if asked, "I am not testifying on the behalf of AGC, rather on the behalf of (organization name)." The intention of this protocol is to ensure the legislature's clear understanding of AGC's positions on all issues.