ASCO Services for State Affiliates

ASCO is committed to supporting its State/Regional Affiliates and encourages its members to become engaged in local activities by joining their state oncology society. Strong state societies are a vital component to effective advocacy and a critical resource for addressing issues of concern to the cancer community. To better support the activities of each state/regional oncology society, ASCO offers several services and benefits to its Affiliates, including:

**RESOURCES**

**State/Regional Affiliate Program General Inquiries** ([stateaffiliates@asco.org](mailto:stateaffiliates@asco.org))
Society’s primary point of contact for any program related questions or assistance needed.
- Terry Cox, CAE, Director, Affiliate Relations; [Terry.Cox@asco.org](mailto:Terry.Cox@asco.org)
- Lisa-Marie Pratt, Outreach & Support Program Specialist; [Lisa-Marie.Pratt@asco.org](mailto:Lisa-Marie.Pratt@asco.org)

**myAffiliates**
myAffiliates is an online collaborative tool designed exclusively for State Affiliate Council members and features benefits such as a resource library, discussion forums, a member directory, and more! The purpose of this tool is to help ease communications among the Affiliates and encourage Council members to keep in touch with their peers in between face-to-face meetings.

**State Society Network**
The State Society Network is an online community designed for state society members and features benefits such as a resource library, discussion forums, a member directory. The purpose of this community is to ease communications between state society members and encourage engagement with State Affiliate Council leadership.

**Communications**
*Latest News for State Affiliates* is a weekly e-newsletter that includes relevant information for you to share with your members. *(archived issues available on myAffiliates)*

**Administrative Policies, Procedures, and Standards**
Outlines the formal relationship between ASCO and state and regional oncology societies that agree to be bound by the terms and conditions required of ASCO Affiliates.

**Coding & Reimbursement Assistance**
ASCO staff is available to assist members and their office staff on coding, coverage, and reimbursement uses. Contact [billingandcoding@asco.org](mailto:billingandcoding@asco.org).

**Legislative & Regulatory Activities**
Timely information about federal and state government developments are provided to State Affiliates in *Latest News*, as well as opportunities for societies to sign joint letters to Congress or federal agencies.
**Grassroots Advocacy**
Interested in shaping the national dialogue around cancer research and treatment? The Advocacy Center provides guidance on establishing relationships with members of Congress and their staff, including links to the ACT Network and information on how your members can participate in ASCO’s Advocacy at Home program.

**State Advocacy Support**
ASCO provides State Affiliates with access to state advocacy toolkits, legislative tracking software, draft legislation, and talking points on key issues. ASCO will partner with key stakeholder groups and State Affiliates on legislation/regulations to further advance priorities. Additionally, ASCO also is available to set up meetings with state-level officials including Governors’ offices, Medicaid Directors, and state legislators as needed.

**Media**
ASCO helps State/Regional Affiliates in contacting members of the local media and offers primers on specific issues to prepare potential spokespeople in communicating their message.

**MANAGEMENT**

**Meeting and Speaker Support**
Affiliates may request an ASCO-sponsored speaker, in addition to having your upcoming meetings posted on ASCO’s Calendar of Events located on ASCO.org.

**Membership Recruitment & Benefits Assistance**
State society members may request one complimentary ASCO membership list per year to assist them in recruiting new members in their membership. Upon request, ASCO Member Services will send one marketing email message to ASCO members in their state to promote an Affiliate meeting.

**Wild Apricot**
Website tool that allows you to maintain a presence on the internet, manage membership, and event registration. This service is available to ASCO Affiliates on a complimentary basis.

**DEVELOPMENT**

**State Affiliate Council Meetings and Election**
The Council serves as an advisory group to the Society and Association’s Boards. Affiliate leaders are encouraged to share their members’ concerns. Council meetings are held in the spring and fall. Council elections are held during the spring meeting. An Executive Director-only meeting is held in conjunction with each meeting.

**State Affiliate Leadership Conference**
Provides leaders of the State/Regional Affiliates with information and tools on how to strengthen their societies, enhance their current activities, and learn best practices.

**State Oncology Societies Booth**
ASCO provides complimentary exhibit space for state society representatives at the ASCO Annual Meeting, providing societies with the opportunity to showcase their organizations.

**State Affiliates’ Reception**
ASCO hosts a reception at the ASCO Annual Meeting honoring State Affiliate volunteer leaders.