

WAPA	AAPA
<p>State organization which works to advocate for PA professional practice in the state of Washington. All laws affecting PA practice come from the Washington State legislature. This includes definitions of the PA scope of practice and the legal requirements for PAs to practice in the state of Washington</p>	<p>National organization which works to advance the PA profession. They focus their advocacy at the federal level (ie. Medicare)</p>
<p>Membership fees go directly toward preservation and advancement of the profession <u>locally</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• membership numbers help us control our own destiny as a profession</li> <li>• With low membership numbers, other organizations will control our destiny for us</li> </ul>	<p>Membership fees preserve and advance us as a profession on a national level</p>
<p>Works to identify relevant state stakeholders such as the Washington State Medical Association &amp; the Washington Medical Commission. WAPA leaders then develop professional relationships to better advocate for PA practice in the state of Washington</p>	<p>Supports 57 state, U.S. Territory, and Federal Service chapters, called constituent organizations (CO) like WAPA, to promote the PA profession, provide resources to the CO to maintain organizational health, and help the CO to advocate for changes to state laws that affect PA practice</p>
<p>Works with and advocates for individuals and groups of PAs within the state of Washington regarding laws and policies that affect PA practice (i.e. signing for home health medications/supplies)</p>	<p>Works with all public and commercial third-party payers to ensure coverage for the medical and surgical services delivered by PAs</p>
<p>Provides local networking &amp; CME opportunities</p>	<p>Provides national CME opportunities</p>
<p>WAPA is governed by the Board of Directors who volunteer their time to ensure a strong voice in the medical community as well as the general public. WAPA board member positions are not paid!</p>	<p>The AAPA is governed by the Board of Directors while the House of Delegates is responsible for enacting policies establishing the collective values, philosophies and principals of the PA profession</p>
<p>Yearly Dues: \$150</p>	<p>Yearly Dues: \$295</p>