



## Committee Descriptions

ICAL committees are an intricate part of the association. By participating in a committee you are assisting in the association decision making process and in the development of programs to enhance and improve the long term care continuum. All committees are chaired by ICAL members and participation is voluntary. If you are interested in serving on an ICAL committee, call the IHCA ICAL office at 515.978.2204 or 800.422.3106 or via e-mail at [ical@iowahealthcare.org](mailto:ical@iowahealthcare.org). To view a list of current committee members, go to [www.iowahealthcare.org](http://www.iowahealthcare.org), *About IHCA ICAL>Who we are*, and click on *Committees*.

**Education and Convention Committee.** This committee assists the IHCA ICAL Director of Education and Convention by suggesting education topics and reviewing potential speakers. Committee members assist in a variety of tasks to help ensure the success of the IHCA ICAL Annual Convention and Trade Show held in late September in Des Moines. Peak work time is during August and September leading up to the convention. Meetings are typical held 6 to 8 times a year in West Des Moines.

**Quality Committee.** This committee works with the IHCA ICAL Director of Quality and Clinical Services Director and the Director of Regulatory and Governmental Affairs to monitor the implementation of rules, regulations, and quality initiatives by various federal and state agencies and communicates with these agencies to ensure uniformity and consistency in oversight and quality. Committee members communicate with ICAL members regarding issues facing assisted living programs, residential care, and home and community based service providers. They also review ways of delivering quality services and share their findings with members. The AL/RCF Survey Results Subcommittee monitors survey results and communicate survey trends to members. Meetings are typical held 3 to 4 times a year in West Des Moines.

**Legislative/Payment Committee.** This committee works with the IHCA Executive and Deputy Directors to study, review and make recommendations on legislation at both the federal and state levels that may affect the long term care profession. Using data collected and compiled, the committee makes recommendations to state agencies and legislators regarding the Department of Human Services budget and payment and reimbursement for long term care services. Committee members work together to strategize for the Iowa legislative session and work with Iowa's state and U.S. legislators on issues related to the long term care profession and the frail and elderly citizens of Iowa. Meetings are typically held 3 to 4 times a year in West Des Moines.

**Workforce Committee.** Working with the IHCA Deputy Director, this committee reviews issues facing the long term care profession that relate to personnel recruitment and retention and implement processes to improve recruitment and retention of long term care workers. The committee serves as IHCA-ICAL's liaison with state and federal agencies and legislators regarding workforce initiatives. Meetings are typically held 3 to 4 times a year in West Des Moines.

**Public Relations Committee.** This committee assists the IHCA Director of Communications by providing input and direction for communication avenues for members. The committee actively addresses communication needs related to the media relations, National Nursing Home Week, National Assisted Living Week and IHCA-ICAL's annual awards programs. Meetings are typical held four times a year in conjunction with IHCA quarterly education conferences in Des Moines.