

Asian American & Pacific Islander Volunteer Caucus



**AAPI
Volunteer
Caucus**

Our Mission

The Asian American & Pacific Islander Volunteer Caucus is engaging and involving Asian American and Pacific Islander volunteers, organizations, and companies in ACS CAN initiatives and campaigns through partnerships, policies, education, awareness, recruitment, and collaboration with similar volunteer groups to advance representation, reduce disparities, and reflect generational and language differences in our unique communities.

Cancer Disparities in the Community

- Within the Asian American population as a whole, cancer affects people of different national origins differently. Certain cancers, however, strike Asian Americans or Pacific Islanders far more often than other races.
- Data for broadly defined racial and ethnic groups can mask large differences within these heterogeneous populations, of which there are many examples.
- Cancer is the leading cause of death in the AANHPI (Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders) population accounting for 27% of all deaths (23% of all deaths among white people).
- Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among both AANPI men (27%) and women (21%).
- Breast cancer is the most diagnosed cancer (34%) and second leading cause of cancer death (14%) among AANPHI women.
- AANHPI have among the highest liver and stomach cancer incidence rates; 2 times higher than white people.

We are looking for new members!

The current members of the AAPI Volunteer Caucus are looking for new members! Are you interested in joining or learning more?

- Please email Leslie Ferreira, Director Grassroots Alliances leslie.ferreira@cancer.org

Asian American & Pacific Islander Volunteer Caucus Member Description



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ACS CAN Mission

The [American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network](#) (ACS CAN) is the nation's leading voice advocating for public policies that are helping defeat cancer. As the nonpartisan, nonprofit advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates make cancer a top national priority. Achieving a world free from the pain and suffering of cancer requires a comprehensive public policy agenda including cancer research funding, patient quality of life, access to quality, affordable health care, strong tobacco control policies, cancer prevention, early detection, and screening, and policies increase health equity.

Asian American & Pacific Islander Volunteer Caucus Mission

The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Volunteer Advisory Group engages and involves Asian American and Pacific Islander volunteers, organizations, and companies in ACS CAN initiatives and campaigns by influencing partnerships, policies, education, awareness, recruitment, and collaboration with similar volunteer groups to advance representation and reduce disparities that reflect generational and language differences in our unique communities.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Serve as a current ACS CAN volunteer with your state team.
- Participate in and contribute to monthly virtual meetings.
- Contribute to the development of annual goals, activities, and metrics.
- Develop, promote, participate, and implement Volunteer Caucus activities.
- Review and provide timely input on messaging, materials, and talking points in English and other languages (if comfortable)
- Promote and amplify education, awareness, and action content and alerts to your communities, networks, and state teams.
- Recommend innovative and authentic approaches to advance inclusive volunteer recruitment.
- Identify groups, organizations, and influencers in Asian American and Pacific Islander communities for partnership and amplification opportunities.
- Share the Volunteer Caucus's work, successes, and lessons learned with state and national volunteer teams.
- Facilitate workshops and trainings.
- Serve as a spokesperson for ACS CAN and the Volunteer Caucus in English and languages (if comfortable)

Commitment

Volunteer Caucus members are asked to serve a minimum of a one-year term. Monthly time commitment varies depending on the meetings and active campaigns and activities with a minimum of 2-4 hours per month including a monthly meeting.

Contact

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ACS CAN Asian American & Pacific Islander Volunteer Caucus New Member Orientation & Onboarding

**Wednesday, October 18th
at 5 pm (PT) / 8 pm (ET)**

**Register today at
fightcancer.org/aapinewmember**



- Learn about the AAPI Volunteer Caucus
- Hear from current group members
- Decide if you want to join the group
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