**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS** (**GR**) **COMMITTEE REPORT**

**September 1, 2022**

**Leadership Information**

* **Chair and Co-Chair for 2022-23: Chair** - Diana M. Bailey (DB), dibailey@comcast.net, 443-996-1788; 5117 Lynngate Road, Columbia, MD 21044

**Co-Chair:** Steven Myers, steven.myers.lpc@gmail.com; 703-507-8428; 3518 Willow Green Ct. Oakton, VA 22124 ( started July 1, 2022)

* **List Committee Members**: Niel Carey, Rebecca Dedmond, Natalie Kauffman, Amy Policastro Schroeder and Rae Anne Stout, Latara Jones, and others. (several inactive)
* **Board Liaison**- Charles Lehman
* **Lobbyit representative-** Ashley Solle asolle@lobbyit.com (primary) Richard Hoar rhoar@lobbyit.com

**Committee Activities to Date: Oct. 2021-Sept. 2022**

* Lobbyit submitted a detailed monthly legislative report throughout the year that was posted to the NCDA website, as well as weekly updates on the state of affairs in Washington.
* Continued a team of four State Coordinators who took turns throughout the year disseminating Lobbyit legislative updates as well as announcements and general legislative information to Government Relations/Legislative Contacts across NCDA’s chartered and active states. As of August 2022, there are 69 Government Relations/Legislative contacts across **36** states and Pakistan.
* Ashley Solle joined NCDA GR in the spring of 2021.
* Worked with NCDA webmaster to update GR resources on the NCDA website.
* Continued the efforts of supporting the progress of the ***Counseling for Career Choice Act****,* which was jointly sponsored through bipartisan efforts by US Congressional Representative, **Glenn William “G.T.” Thompson** (**R**), representingPA’s 15th congressional district and US Congressional Representative, **James R. “Jim” Langevin** (**D**), representing RI’s 2nd congressional district.
* Provided input on the importance of supporting career development professionals within the upcoming Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) reauthorization.
* Provided input and endorsed the **Creating Opportunities to Thrive and Advance (COTA) Act**, introduced in the House by Rep. G.T. Thompson (R-PA) and Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA). The bill
* includes language that would allow additional WIOA funds to be used for career development and career counseling services.
* Presenting NCDA 2021 Legislative Award to Nick Rockwell, who works as the Legislative Director in the office of Representative GT Thompson on Sept. 2022.
* Introducing NCDA leadership to key stakeholders in Congress in-person on the Hill alongside the Lobbyit team in September 2022.
* Presented at NCDA’s virtual CPI event in November 2021 and also presented live in-person in Anaheim in June 2022, in addition to recording a session for the virtual NCDA Global Conference in July 2022.
* Provided resources to NCDA President and board to use (with the assistance and collaboration of LobbyIt).