



Michigan Osteopathic Association

Michigan Osteopathic Political Action Committee

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Michigan Osteopathic Political Action Committee (MOPAC) works closely with the Council on Governmental Affairs (CGA) and our Legislative Liaison, Kevin McKinney, to ensure productive working relationships with our state elective officials. By working with individual members and MOPAC, the MOA is able to engage policymakers on issues critical to patient care and to our profession.

The 2020 campaign cycle began early, with email solicitations in the fall of 2019. The election fatigue from the Presidential race was a concern for the year ahead of fundraising. The MOA had also planned to work with Market Resource Group to amplify fundraising efforts for the year. Unfortunately, due to the staff attention diverted to converting MOA operations and events to virtual, these plans will be delayed until we can again gather in person.

Efforts to raise funds were made in earnest, however, the medical community has been hard hit during the pandemic. Physician members have experienced personal and financial hardships. The PAC leadership has determined that more creative strategies to collecting donation should be postponed. The activities the committee accomplished in 2020 are as follows:

Candidate Selection & Outreach

- Continuously evaluating campaigns for possible contributions & prioritizing legislative races
- MOPAC continues to meet with candidates to identify “investment” candidates for early support.
- Continue to provide significant but targeted contributions to House and Senate leadership and members based on overall support for MOA priorities.
- It is our strategy to continue working with both House Republican and Democratic Leadership on various campaigns and candidates.

Contributions

- 2020 contributions began along with dues invoicing in the fall of 2019. The strategic decision to include the contributions along with dues statements illustrates the importance of supporting MOPAC.

- The MOPAC presentation called for, and will continue to ask for 100% delegate participation for the entire body.
- At the 2019 Spring and Autumn Convention, Student Liaison members were present to help garner support for MOPAC.
- MOPAC will have an ad on the Convention mobile site as well as the House of Delegates book and Convention printed program.
- The 24Fifties club has renewed their commitment to their profession by supporting MOPAC. The group allocates a portion of their member's dues to MOPAC.
- Fundraisers and Local Meet-n-Greets
- MOPAC will be reaching out to encourage component society leadership to embrace pro-physician political leaders in their regions.
- MOPAC will work with both House and Senate Republican and Democratic Leadership on various campaigns and candidates.

MOPAC will continue in these ways and more to fight to elect and re-elect pro-physician candidates through direct contributions, voter education and targeted political activism.