



Michigan Osteopathic Association

Michigan Osteopathic Political Action Committee

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Michigan Osteopathic Political Action Committee (MOPAC) is working 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 2019 campaign cycle began early, during the fall of 2017. With both chambers of the Legislature up for election, statewide races, term limits, and those seeking other elective office resulted in significant changes in both the Michigan House and Senate. Many legislative candidates who announced their political/campaign plans much earlier than usual and sought MOPAC support in the 2019 elections. MOPAC used its resources to support candidates who would best serve the osteopathic medical community. The activities the committee has planned 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

- 2019 contributions began along with dues invoicing in the fall of 2018. The strategic decision to include the contributions along with dues statements illustrates the importance of supporting MOPAC.
- Efforts at convention have remained strong. At 2019 House of Delegates which kicks off the Spring Convention, the MOPAC booth was placed inside of the House of Delegates meeting room with high visibility. The MOPAC presentation called for, and will again ask for 100% delegate participation for the entire body. The MOPAC Challenge board

listed every Delegate with a line next to their name so that those who had donated could sign next to their name.

- Between contributions made during the House of Delegates and throughout convention, MOPAC reached the determined goal to raise \$25,000.
- 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.