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Message from your PAC Chair

Welcome to the 2015-2016 election cycle. As you know, we now have a complete change-over of committee chairmen in the Senate with the Republicans taking control and some new chairmen on the House side because of retirements. Though much of what Congress will do looking ahead in the 114th Congress is yet to be seen, one thing is certain: with the new Congress we have our work cut out for us. The change in Congressional leadership is likely to bring many of our healthcare issues to the forefront of the various committees of jurisdiction in both chambers.



Unfortunately with each new Congress, our advocacy challenges start all over again. We need to get bills that didn't pass in the last session reintroduced, we need to gather new sponsors and co-sponsors for our legislative efforts and we need to work very hard on regulatory issues as various aspects of the ACA are implemented or challenged. The good news is that the debate has already begun on the SGR repeal and replacement bill. This bill gained bipartisan, bicameral support in the last congress, but failed to pass because of controversy over how to pay for it. We are hopeful the SGR will finally be addressed.

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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Total
Hard Receipts
(personal contributions)



\$457,378.67

+

Total
Soft Receipts
(corporate contributions)



\$122,629.34

Total
PAC Receipts

= \$570,008.01

DISBURSEMENTS

PAC Funds
Disbursed
to Democrats

PAC Funds
Disbursed
to Republicans

Total PAC Funds
Disbursed to
Pro-Physician



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2014: A Year in Review

The 2013-2014 election cycle saw many new benchmarks met and in most cases exceeded. Increasing numbers of AAOS fellows realized the importance of grassroots political activity by not only getting involved in the PAC, but by hosting or attending PAC-sponsored fundraisers in their local communities. Through your support of the PAC, its vibrancy and stellar brand in DC allowed our staff in the Office of Government Relations (OGR) a record number of advocacy opportunities with members of Congress on Capitol Hill. All of these efforts are critical to achieving our advocacy priorities.



I encourage you to read the [2014 Orthopaedic PAC Annual Report](#) to give you an idea of the depth and breadth of our PAC efforts throughout the past year. It never hurts to reflect back on all that the PAC is doing to advance our advocacy efforts be they legislative or regulatory. Thank you for continued support of the Orthopaedic PAC. If you have any questions about this report or would like additional information, please contact Kristin Brackemyre, PAC manager, at pac@aaos.org or 202.546.4430.

Orthopaedic PAC Sets Records Under Leadership of PAC Chair Stuart L. Weinstein, MD



Following nearly a decade of continued growth, the Orthopaedic PAC remains the only national PAC in Washington, D.C., representing the interests of orthopaedic surgeons before Congress. Through the leadership of PAC Chairman Stuart L. Weinstein, MD, the interest and involvement of AAOS fellows has continued to rise, culminating in a record-setting participation rate during the 2013–2014 election cycle. Although Dr. Weinstein's term as PAC chair will end with the 2015 AAOS Annual Meeting, he hopes to see the PAC continue to grow as it has in the last decade, stressing the work is far from over. "We've achieved remarkable success, but we still have a long way to go. We still haven't reached even a third of membership participation, and ideally, every AAOS member should understand the importance of contributing to the PAC," he said.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Capitol Club Member Recognition & Annual Meeting Event



With another successful election cycle behind us, a special thanks to Orthopaedic PAC Capitol Club members for renewing their generous support at the highest levels. The Capitol Club recognizes AAOS fellows who donate \$1,000 or more in a calendar

year. Current Capitol Club members are invited to participate in a joint luncheon event with the AAOS Ambassadors featuring Congressman Joe Heck, DO (R-NV) on Friday, March 27, 2015 at the AAOS Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. For more information on this invitation-only event, please contact pac@aaos.org or 202-546-4430.

To join the *Capitol Club*, simply visit the online contribution center at www.aaos.org/pac and select "Donate to the PAC" on the right-hand task pane. Alternatively, you can establish a monthly contribution of just \$84 to gain membership in the *Capitol Club* immediately. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let us know by contacting Kristin Brackemyre at pac@aaos.org. Stay tuned for other exciting *Capitol Club* events throughout the year.

[View a list of the 2014 Orthopaedic PAC Capitol Club Members](#)

Congratulations to 2014 Stuart L. Weinstein, MD PAC Participation Award Winners

The Stuart L. Weinstein, MD PAC Participation Awards were established in 2013 to honor the states with the highest PAC participation rate as well as the individual state that has demonstrated the greatest improvement in PAC participation from one year to the next. Congratulations to Puerto Rico for achieving the highest participation rate in the Orthopaedic PAC at an impressive 69 percent! Congratulations to Vermont for seeing the greatest improvement in their PAC participation, up from 16 percent in 2013 to 58 percent in 2014.

Throughout the year, the hard work in each of these states to increase grassroots fundraising efforts and engage their orthopaedic surgeons on the importance of the Orthopaedic PAC, have successfully set them apart as leaders in advocacy involvement. Please join us in congratulating their efforts!

Orthopaedic PAC State Contributions by Category/Population Highest

Percentage of PAC Contributors

1. Puerto Rico – 69%
2. Vermont – 58%
3. South Dakota – 51%
4. Hawaii – 45%
5. Iowa – 39%

Most Improved PAC Participation (2013 compared to 2014)

1. Vermont (16% to 58%)
2. Puerto Rico (29% to 69%)
3. South Dakota (30% to 51%)
4. Hawaii (27% to 45%)
5. Alaska (16% to 29%)

For more information on your state's PAC performance, please contact pac@aaos.org.

Governor Bob Ehrlich to Headline 2015 Orthopaedic PAC Luncheon

Please join us for the annual PAC luncheon in Las Vegas, NV on Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

2015 PAC Luncheon

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

11:45AM – 1:00PM

Venetian: Palazzo Ballroom M

Las Vegas, Nevada

RSVP to Katrina Wallace at rsvp@aaos.org



This year's luncheon will feature Robert "Bob" Ehrlich as the keynote speaker. Bob Ehrlich is a Republican former Governor of Maryland from 2003 to 2007. Prior to serving as Governor, Ehrlich represented Maryland's second



congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives and also served in the Maryland House of Delegates. While in Congress from 1995 to 2003, Gov. Ehrlich served on the powerful Energy and Commerce committee including on the health subcommittee. In 2002, he won the race for Governor with 52 percent of the vote to become only the sixth

Republican Governor in the state's history. During his tenure as Governor, Ehrlich focused on fiscal responsibility, health, education, public safety and commerce. After being defeated for a second term in 2006 by Baltimore Mayor, Martin O'Malley, Governor Ehrlich has remained active in the national party. He served as Chairman of Mitt Romney's Maryland campaign for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination.

We hope you can join us in Las Vegas for this annual event. If you have not already done so, please contact Katrina Wallace at rsvp@aaos.org to confirm your attendance.

Political Reads: What the Experts Are Saying

Why Three Republicans in the House Voted Against
Repealing Obamacare
(*Rollcall*)

Maryland Senate Race Shows Emerging Democratic Rifts
(*Politico*)

Democrats Expect Free-for-All in Maryland to Replace Mikulski
(*National Journal*)

2016's Top Ten Most Vulnerable Senators
(*The Hill*)

