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- Thank you so much for your historical, continued, and sustained support for OPAC. A special thank you to ACOFP Board and members who have renewed early in 2023.
- You should have received OPAC's renewal mailer in your mail and thank you to those who have renewed early. Your early support expands our options to do more because of your support. We encourage all members of the profession and especially those in leadership positions across the profession to renew their OPAC membership this year.
- The challenges we face have not diminished; the effect of inflation and possible recession of our practices, reimbursement issues, scope of practice infringement, challenges presented by the continued corporatization of medical practices and third party interference in the Doctor-Patient relationship, liability challenges, educational debt, recognition and respect for the role D. O.'s play in the health care system are but a sprinkling of the issues we interact with in the halls of federal legislation and regulation.
- OPAC charge is to advocate for you and the profession and ensure we have a role in the development and implementation of policy that affects us, our families, our profession, and our communities.
- This year, we are striving to increase OPAC's number of unique contributions from DOs across the U.S. I strongly encourage you to reach out to your colleagues and ask that they support and contribute to OPAC.
- Due to your combined support and leadership, last year we raised more than $330,000 last year, an 11% increase from 2021. We look forward to building upon this success in 2023. We remain committed to a goal established by Dr. Oliva of raising $500,000 annually to support osteopathic advocacy.
- The Washington, DC office staff continues to take advantage of our new location on Capitol Hill and is actively hosting political fundraisers and events to expand the osteopathic profession's political footprint. I invite you to stop by the National Osteopathic Advocacy Center (NOAC) when you are in Washington, DC. Sean and Chris will be glad to arrange meetings with your Representatives if Congress is in session and sign you up to attend a fundraising event.
- OPAC launched the Corporate Advisory Circle in 2022, which allows affiliates and corporate entities to contribute to OPAC. This program has been very well received and to date, we have ten (10) members and look forward to expanding the program in 2023.
- We are always looking to partner with our members to host or participate in political fundraisers, in D.C. but importantly on the home turf of the member and representative. If there is a candidate that you wish OPAC to support, please do not hesitate to contact us.
- As always, our goal is to support members of Congress who support the Osteopathic Profession and its goals of advancement of health and wellness through advances in primary and preventative care.

- We recognize that the foundation of our profession is Osteopathic Family Medicine, and its future lies in our support of osteopathic medical students and residents as well as the patients we all strive to serve.
- I also wish to invite each of you to participate in D.O. Day this coming April. The two segment event features first a virtual two days of information on legislative process and policy positions and then two days of Hill visits with members of Congress who represent Osteopathic Physicians and their patients. Please take the time to learn more and participate in the event.
- 2021-22 Raised: **$660,000**
- 2021-22 Contributed: **$496,500**
- 2022 Corporate Advisory Circle: **10 Members, $50,000**
- Maintained a 50/50 Parity Between Parties in Congress