

AMPAC Board

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I continue to thank you all for your support and help on the AMPAC Board. I have recently been selected Secretary and thus in line for the Chairmanship, assuming I can be re-appointed.

As you know, AMPAC is the oldest non-Union PAC in the United States. We still rank in the top 10 of traditional PACs in the United States, but over the last 20 years have slipped in ranking, although making a comeback over the last ten years. Our dollars, of course, pale compared to the new Super PACs. Several large State Medical Society PACs raise more money than us.

We must abide by very complex Federal Regulations. We donate to selected Federal office seekers around the United States. Our donations are based mostly on State Medical Society requests, Candidate requests, or AMA lobbyist suggestions. The AMPAC Board with staff assistance winnows through all requests to a decision. Occasionally, we make Independent Expenditures. AMPAC itself does no lobbying, and in fact is legally separated from AMA and the AMA Lobbying staff, although AMA pays our overhead costs, so all money raised goes to political donations. We work closely with State Medical Society staff, but are prohibited from working with Specialty Societies (since the 1970's); in fact, we are not allowed to accept memberships or donations from Medical Specialty Society members unless they are also members of the local County or State medical societies or AMA.

Our schools are very popular and now fee based. We want your attendance and ask you to read the web page to apply to the schools: see <http://www.ampaonline.org/>

We are strictly non-Partisan and the Board comes from a broad spectrum of geography, specialty and political leanings. Our staff are excellent and hard working and well managed; they are ready to help you any time or answer any questions, as am I and the rest of the Board. The SED is well represented on the Board with three other members: Drs. Buckley, Carniol and Galper.