

AMPAC

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AMPAC Board Member

AMPAC donations continue to slowly increase over the last 5 years after a fall- off back about 15 years ago. AMPAC is staffed and maintained at American Medical Association (AMA) expense, so that all personal AMPAC donations go to candidate contributions; corporate donations go to educational programs. All donations must conform to Federal Campaign law and regulation and must come from the appropriate "class" of physicians and spouses meaning they must be members of their local or State or AMA medical societies, and not solely members of a Specialty Society.

The AMPAC Mission remains the same: to support US Congressional candidates by contributions, education and occasional independent expenditure who are willing to support or at least work with the House of Medicine on Federal legislative and regulatory issues of importance to physicians, the AMA and our lobbyists. AMPAC also manages several acclaimed campaign and election courses.

AMPAC is strictly bipartisan in its Board, staffing and donations, although key Congressional Committee Chairs often deserve higher levels of support so that the Political Party in power often gets a slightly higher percentage of AMPAC donations than the other; and of course, the Party in Power also has more Congressional members. AMPAC continues to have a good track record as far as "wins" and "losses" go; the current election cycle is still in progress.

Each AMPAC Board member is assigned to a group of States, usually attending all their State Medical Society annual meetings and local PAC meetings, when invited. I enjoy these opportunities to meet with colleagues and learn of local issues and raise some money. Our assigned states are usually within our local Regions, so we don't have too far to travel.

Each AMPAC Board member not a student or resident, is appointed to a two-year term and can be reappointed up to three times by the AMA Board of Trustees. We meet at most AMA convention meetings and often again once or twice during the year in DC or by phone.

I thank you all for your support and I solicit any questions or input, positive or negative.

