

Below is the informal 2018 AAOPAC report. A more formal report will be presented at Annual Session. It was a reasonably successful AAOPAC year, despite an unpredictable election season.

1. AAOPAC In Action

Federal Policy Wins

- **Action for Dental Care Act- signed into law**
 - Both the House and Senate passed the Dental Care Act. This bill will allow organizations to qualify for oral health grants to support activities that improve oral health education and dental disease prevention nationwide among those who are currently underserved. The legislation aims to reduce emergency room visits for dental conditions and would increase access to care for the elderly in nursing homes, as well as the blind and disabled. In October 2018, President Trump signed the bill into law.
- **Skinny RAISE- passed in the House**
 - The RAISE Act calls for elimination of the “use it or lose it rule” under which employees forfeit their FSA balance at the end of the year.
- **Repeal of Medical Device Tax- passed in the House**
 - In 2010, Congress imposed a 2.3% excise tax on medical device manufacturers and importers. In practice, this tax has been passed along to small business medical providers, such as orthodontists, who have been forced to choose between absorbing the cost or passing the cost along to their patients. Currently, the medical device tax is suspended through calendar year 2019.
- **5 Year Suspension of Medical Device Tax- passed in the House**
 - This bill extends the moratorium on the medical device excise tax for an additional five years, or until Dec 31. 2024.
- **Delay of Cadillac Tax-passed in the House**
 - The bill delays implementation of the excise tax on high-cost employer-sponsored health coverage until calendar year 2023.

Election Results

- AAOPAC **contributed \$605,500 to federal candidates**
- Funded **141 candidates** (116 in the House (35 Democrats, 81 Republicans) & 25 in the Senate (14 Democrats, 11 Republicans))
- Of the 141 candidates funded by AAOPAC, **107 won their race**
- Overall **success rate of 76%**

2. Contribution Data

Not only did we raise more AAOPAC money in 2018 than the previous year, we raised \$16,256.42 more than our previous record. Contributions in 2018 totaled over \$353,000, the largest contribution level in the AAOPAC’s 24-year history. There were also a record number of contributors. A total of 792 members contributed to AAOPAC, gaining 159 more contributors than in 2017. Constituency Meetings and Match Programs were the two biggest contributors to AAOPAC success in 2018.

The total amount of contributions raised during Constituency Meetings and Match Programs in 2018 was over \$235,000.

	2016 Total Contributions	2017 Total Contributions	2018 Total Contributions
January	750.00	16,456.66	\$39,870.33
February	3,775.00	30,265.66	\$7,878.33
March	13,900.00	17,142.66	\$15,232.33
April	34,197.66	18,673.66	\$13,174.00
May	18,914.66	20,872.66	\$23,522.33
June	83,791.16	32,529.66	\$39,589.00
July	87,460.66	83,430.66	\$68,975.00
August	31,218.66	25,988.66	\$21,598.00
September	22,458.66	30,741.66	\$36,861.01
October	18,464.66	24,705.33	\$59,543.34
November	11,731.66	25,561.33	\$18,818.34
December	2,849.66	10,559.33	\$8,122.34
Total	329,512.44	336,927.93	353,184.35

How much each constituency raised in 2016, 2017, and 2018.

Constituency	2016 Total Contributions	2017 Total Contributions	2018 Total Contributions
SAO	94,337.00	97,327.00	103,727.36
MSO	47,681.00	55,107.00	54,184.00
SWSO	44,790.94	41,022.94	47,692.00
PCSO	44,473.00	43,431.99	46,238.98
NESO	32,320.50	30,738.00	30,843.00
<u>GLAO</u>	<u>29,154.00</u>	<u>24,930.00</u>	<u>29,660.00</u>
MASO	19,276.00	22,168.00	24,446.01
RMSO	17,480.00	22,203.00	16,393.00

I would encourage all GLAO members to compare the levels of contribution of each constituency.

Certainly, some of the constituencies have larger populations that would account for larger total contributions. But that aside, I think the GLAO is a large enough constituent to make a bigger impact on our PAC contributions than it currently is doing.

I challenge all GLAO members to contribute regularly and to try to at least match, if not exceed, the contribution of the constituencies of comparable size. A handy way to do this is to make an automatic and recurring charge on a personal credit card. The magic number for any PAC is \$1,000,000. Only \$650,000 to go!

Respectfully Submitted
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