

BONE PAC Flexes Muscles in 2008 Election Cycle

The 2008 elections were historical for the association as we greatly enhanced our participation and effectiveness. Due to the considerable efforts of our BONE PAC we were able to leverage our limited resources and are well positioned for future success in Columbia.

The general membership has responded to our calls for greater participation. We have heard over the last few months that a number of practices have voted to greatly expand their political involvement in the coming year by dedicating more financial resources to political activism and considering hosting local fundraising and social events. This represents significant process in our attempt to spread political activism to more orthopaedic groups across the state.

To summarize our efforts we can quantify over \$50K in contributions from the orthopaedic community during this election cycle. We are working to identify the thousands of dollars in additional contributions made by our members that we have not documented as of yet.

Overall Statistics

- The South Carolina Orthopaedic community invested a minimum of **\$50,000** in campaigns during the election cycle. This only includes contributions that can be accounted for. A significant amount may have been contributed to non-SCOA organized events that will be researched in the coming months.
- The SC Bone PAC contributed **\$32,000** directly.
- The Fortress 500 program successfully contributed **\$9,500** in additional campaign contributions from members and their practices. We have documented additional individual contributions from orthopaedic practices outside of the SCOA efforts totaling more than **\$10,000**. This number represents only the verified contributions.
- We participated in a total of 35 races and backed the successful candidate in 32 of those races.

South Carolina Senate

- We focused a great deal of our attention on the Senate races.
- There were a total of 46 races in the General Election for the South Carolina Senate.
- The SCOA participated in 20 of those races.
- We supported the successful candidate in 19 of the races.

South Carolina House

- There were 124 races in the General Election in the House of Representatives.
- The SCOA participated in 15 campaigns.
- We were on the victorious side of 14 of those races.

A complete summary of the BONE PAC activity during the election cycle is available upon request. Please feel free to contact me via email to request that documentation.

You should all be congratulated on elevating the association to this next level. We look forward to even greater success in 2010.