

NeurosurgeryPAC

2020 Annual Report



NOTE FROM THE PAC BOARD CHAIR

Thank you, 2020 NeurosurgeryPAC contributors!

2020 was a rough year for many of us. With neurosurgical practices curtailing services, the cancelation of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meeting and other challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, contributions to NeurosurgeryPAC were down. Despite these challenges, organized neurosurgery made significant strides in [accomplishing](#) its legislative and regulatory agenda. Your PAC was also able to strategically target its contributions to support candidates for the U.S. House and Senate who were crucial in advancing its policy objectives. While in-person meetings and fundraisers were not possible, we adjusted to the virtual world and participated in an unprecedented number of events via Zoom and other platforms. Finally, most of the NeurosurgeryPAC-backed candidates were successful in their elections, demonstrating our ability to maximize the value of your PAC contributions.

Despite the challenges of 2020, I remain entirely optimistic that 2021 will be a significant improvement, and we will get back to our successful fundraising ways. As you are well aware, we will be asking for help from all our neurosurgical colleagues in the coming year. As always, your PAC board will be right there with each of you making the same donations we are asking you to make. Finally, NeurosurgeryPAC will support those candidates who advance neurosurgery's policy agenda — whether Democrat, Republican or Independent — continuing to base its giving decisions not on party affiliation but on individual candidate's positions on the issues. This has dictated where our support has consistently gone since NeurosurgeryPAC was established in 2005.

The coming year is going to be a great one for neurosurgery. We have the opportunity to do what we have always done — that is, to lead. I am confident that, between our clinicians and our scientists, COVID-19 will be laid to rest, and we can move forward with our own agenda.

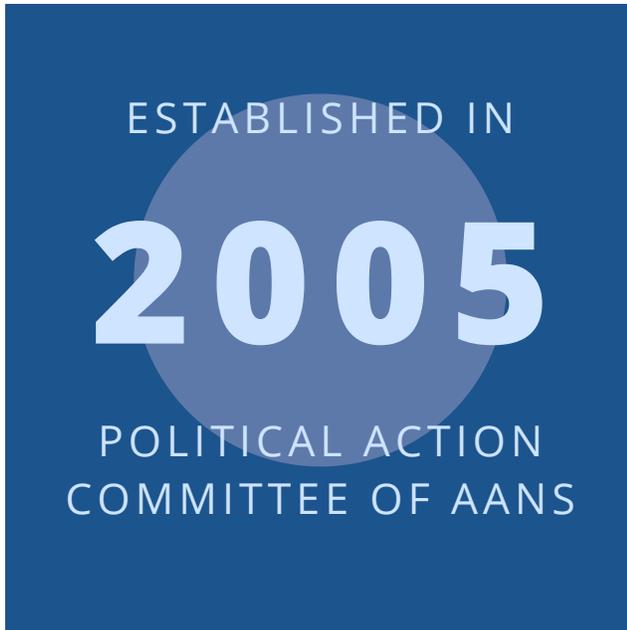
Please join the NeurosurgeryPAC Board and me on this exciting ride.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Heary'.

Robert F. Heary, MD, Chair
NeurosurgeryPAC Board

WHAT IS NEUROSURGERYPAC?



CREATED IN 2005, NeurosurgeryPAC is the political action committee of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. NeurosurgeryPAC's mission is simple: solicit voluntary contributions from neurosurgeons to support candidates for federal office who support neurosurgeons.

NeurosurgeryPAC does this by making direct campaign contributions to candidates for the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives who are supportive of the issues important to neurosurgery. NeurosurgeryPAC is nonpartisan and does not base its decisions on party affiliation but instead focuses on the records and campaign pledges of the candidates.

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Organized neurosurgery made significant strides in accomplishing its legislative and regulatory agenda, thus ensuring that neurosurgical patients continue to have timely access to quality care.

PROTECT PATIENTS' TIMELY ACCESS TO CARE

Bipartisan legislation to streamline prior authorization in the Medicare Advantage program — the *Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act* (S. 5044 / H.R. 3107) — garnered overwhelming support from 300 members of Congress. Compliance with Medicare's appropriate use criteria program for advanced diagnostic imaging was delayed for an additional year until 2022.

FIX THE BROKEN MEDICAL LIABILITY SYSTEM

Legislation based on proven reforms that are in place in California and Texas — the *Accessible Care by Curbing Excessive LawSuits (ACCESS) Act* (H.R. 3656) — was introduced. Additional liability protection for volunteers and EMTALA-related care — the *Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act* (S. 1350 / H.R. 6283) and the *Health Care Safety Net Enhancement Act* (H.R. 3984), respectively — was considered.

IMPROVE THE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM

Solutions that will lower costs, expand choice, protect patients from unanticipated medical bills and improve public health — including the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021* (P.L. 116-260) and the *Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act* (S. 350 / H.R. 1418) — were signed into law.

SUPPORT QUALITY RESIDENT TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Recognizing the need to ensure the availability of well-educated and trained physicians, legislation to fund 1,000 additional Medicare-supported graduate medical education (GME) positions and increased funding for the Children's Hospital GME program — the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021* (P.L. 116-260) — was signed into law. Additionally, legislation to add 15,000 Medicare-funded residency training positions and defer medical student loan interest during residency — the *Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act* (S. 348 / H.R. 1763) and the *Resident Education Deferred Interest Act* (H.R. 1554), respectively — achieved strong bipartisan support.

ALLEVIATE THE BURDENS OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS

To promote interoperability, reduce unnecessary data entry and improve the functionality of EHR systems, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology issued new rules.

CONTINUE PROGRESS WITH MEDICAL INNOVATION

Increased funding for the National Institutes of Health, Food and Drug Administration and other federal agencies, whose research investments are responsible for incalculable medical breakthroughs, was included in the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021* (P.L. 116-260).

END THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services continued to implement the *Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act* (P.L. 115-271).

CHAMPION FAIR REIMBURSEMENT

Legislation to prevent steep Medicare cuts resulting from new office/outpatient evaluation and management (E/M) visit codes — the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021* (P.L. 116-260) — was signed into law. Additionally, legislation requiring Medicare to value the post-surgery, E/M portion of the global surgery codes equal to the stand-alone E/M code values — the *Medicare Reimbursement Equity Act* (S. 4932) — was introduced.

MEMBER GIVING HIGHLIGHTS



NEUROSURGERYPAC WIN/LOSS ELECTION OUTCOMES

WINNING % ALL ELECTIONS: **92%**

Democrat **92%**

Republican **93%**

**WINNING % SENATE
GENERAL ELECTION: 100%**

Democrat **100%**

Republican **100%**

**WINNING % HOUSE
GENERAL ELECTION 95%**

Democrat **91%**

Republican **97%**



MEMBER GIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Money Raised in 2020 **\$195,299**

Money Disbursed in 2020 **\$189,931**



NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

People/PACs who contributed \$5,000 **11 individuals
and one PAC**

People who contributed \$2,500 to \$4,999 **20 individuals**

People who contributed \$1,000 to \$2,499 **53 individuals**

Overall average contribution **\$1,191**

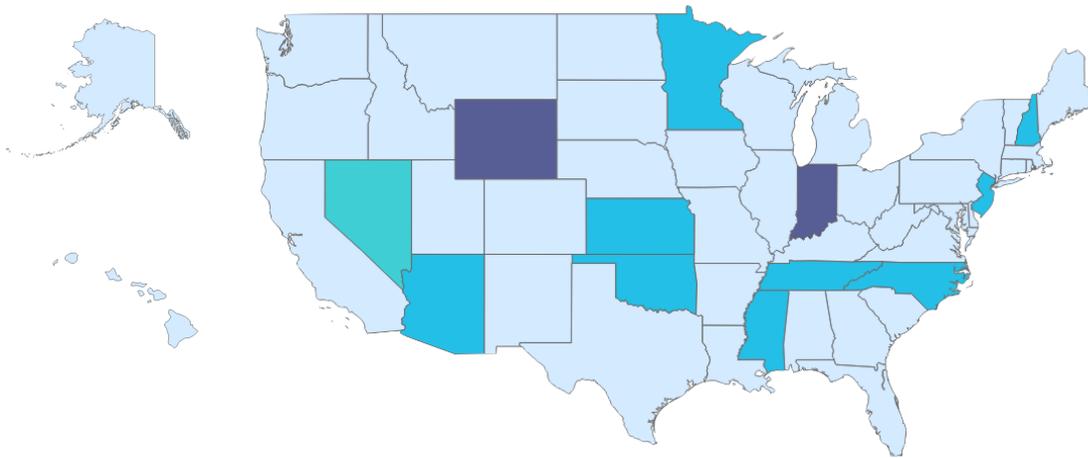
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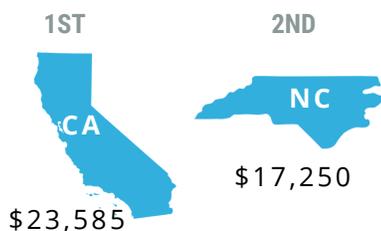
PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPATION BY NEUROSURGEONS BY STATE

Percentage Breakdown

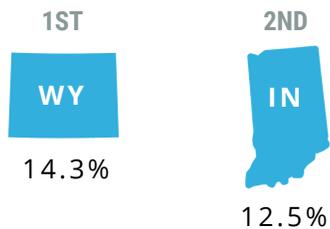
- 0-2%
- 3-5%
- 6-8%
- 9-11%
- 12% +



Top states by:
\$ raised in contributions:



% of participation:



WINNERS OF LEIBROCK STATE LEADERSHIP AWARD

TOP STATES BY MONEY RAISED IN CONTRIBUTIONS:

Winner	CALIFORNIA	with	\$23,585
Runner Up	NORTH CAROLINA	with	\$17,250

TOP STATES BY PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPATION:

Winner	WYOMING	with	14.3%
Runner Up	INDIANA	with	12.5%



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Money raised in 2020	\$195,299
Money disbursed in 2020	\$183,000

COMPETITIVE COMPARISONS

NEUROSURGERYPAC COMPARED TO OTHER PHYSICIAN PACS

Coverage Dates: 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020

NEUROSURGERYPAC

Total Receipts	\$190,529
Total Disbursements	\$183,000

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

Total Receipts	\$2,262,942
Total Disbursements	\$5,116,611

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS

Total Receipts	\$1,159,168
Total Disbursements	\$1,254,622

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Total Receipts	\$319,735
Total Disbursements	\$293,199

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY

Total Receipts	\$196,563
Total Disbursements	\$210,000

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPINE SPECIALISTS

Total Receipts	\$90,547
Total Disbursements	\$124,649

SOCIETY FOR VASCULAR SURGERY

Total Receipts	\$101,110
Total Disbursements	\$54,000

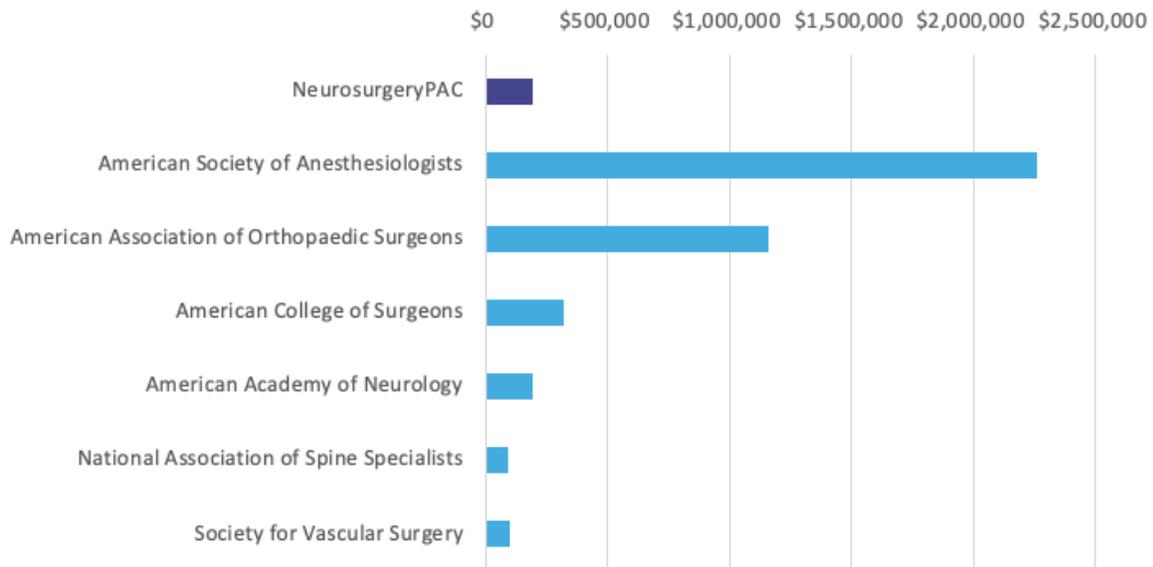
Receipt and Disbursement Data from 2020 Year-End FEC Reports

COMPETITIVE COMPARISONS

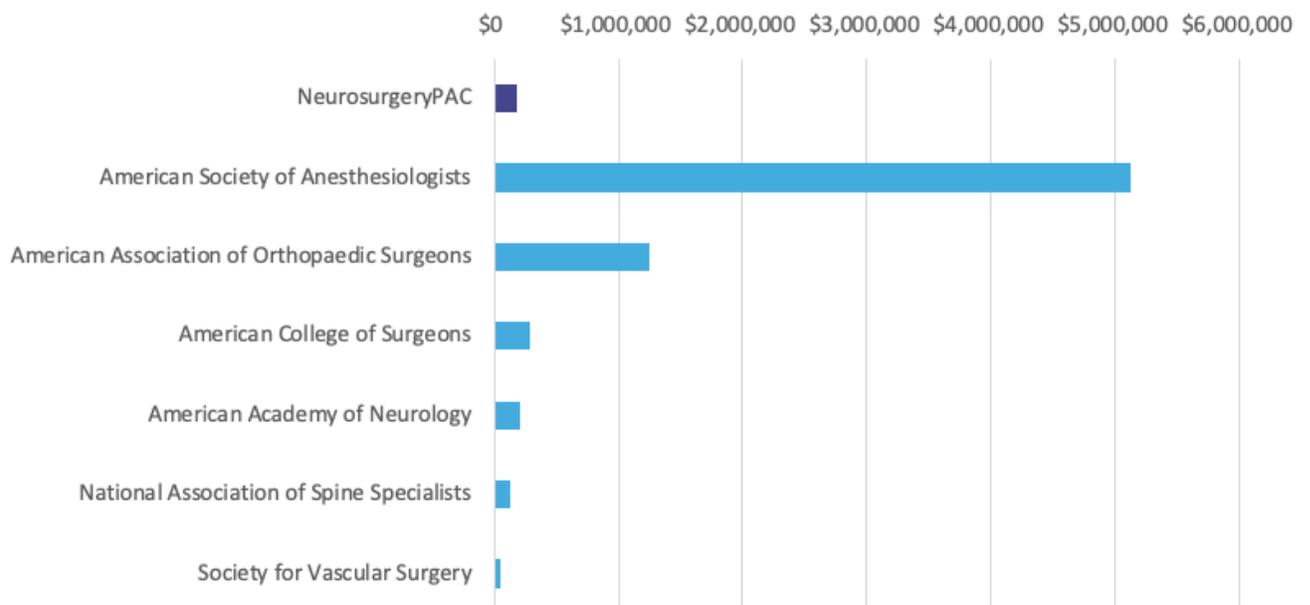
NEUROSURGERYPAC COMPARED TO OTHER PHYSICIAN PACS



TOTAL RECEIPTS



TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS



NEUROSURGEONS IN ACTION

TAKING NEUROSURGERY'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NeurosurgeryPAC was not able to partake in as many in-person events as in past years. However, the PAC was able to participate in the following virtual events for Senate and House Candidates.

Sen. Bill Cassidy, MD (R-La.)
Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.)
Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.)
Sen. Tina Smith (D-Minn.)
Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.)
Rep. Brian Babin, DDS (R-Texas)
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Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.)
Rep. Larry Bucshon, MD (R-Ind.)
Rep. Michael Burgess, MD (R-Texas)
Rep. Tony Cardenas (D-Calif.)
House Candidate John Clark (R-Tenn.)
House Candidate Bill Clifford, MD (R-Kan.)
Rep. Lou Correa (D-Calif.)
House Candidate John Cowan, MD (R-Ga.)
Rep. Tom Emmer (R-Minn.)
House Candidate Randy Feenstra (R-Iowa)
Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.)
Rep. Lance Gooden (R-Texas)
Rep. Mark Green, MD (R-Tenn.)
Rep. Andy Harris, MD (R-Md.)
House Candidate Diana Harshbarger (R-Tenn.)
Rep. Kevin Hern (R-Okla.)
Rep. Steven Horsford (D-Nev.)
House Candidate Steve House (R-Colo.)
Rep. Richard Hudson (R-N.C.)
House Candidate Ronny Jackson, MD (R-Texas)
Rep. Dave Joyce (R-Ohio)
Rep. John Joyce, MD (R-Pa.)
Rep. John Katko (R-N.Y.)
House Candidate Amy Kennedy (D-N.J.)
Rep. Dan Kildee (D-Mich.)
Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.)
House Candidate Natalia Linos, MD (D-Mass.)
Rep. Billy Long (R-Mo.)
Senate Candidate Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.)
House Candidate Amanda Makki (R-Fla.)
Senate Candidate Rep. Roger Marshall, MD (R-Kan.)
House Candidate Rich McCormick, MD (R-Ga.)
House Candidate Mariannette Miller-Meeks, MD (D-Iowa)
Rep. Alex Mooney (R-W.V.)
Rep. MarkWayne Mullin (R- Okla.)
Rep. Richard Neal (D-Mass.)
Rep. Bill Posey (R-Fla.)
Rep. Max Rose (D-N.Y.)
Rep. Raul Ruiz, MD (D-Calif.)
Rep. Steve Scalise (R-La.)
House Candidate Lisa Scheller (R-Pa.)
Rep. Kim Schrier, MD (D-Wash.)
House Candidate Pete Sessions (R-Texas)
House Candidate Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.)
Rep. Greg Steube (R-Fla.)
Rep. Elise Stefanick (R-N.Y.)
Rep. Steve Stivers (R-Ohio)
Rep. Mark Takano (D-Calif.)
House Candidate Hiral Tipirneni, MD (D-Ariz.)
Rep. Paul Tonko (D-N.Y.)
Rep. Fred Upton (R-Mich.)
House Candidate Beth Van Duyne (R-Texas)
Rep. Nydia Velaguez (D-N.J.)
Rep. Greg Walden (R-Ore.)
GOP Doc Caucus
Problem Solvers Caucus
Tuesday Group PAC
Republican Main Street Partnership PAC
Value in Electing Women (VIEW) PAC

NEUROSURGEONS IN ACTION

TAKING NEUROSURGERY'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS



Rep. Ami Bera, MD (D-Calif.) with Washington Committee Chair John K. Ratliff, MD at the California Association of Neurological Surgeons (CANS) Meeting.



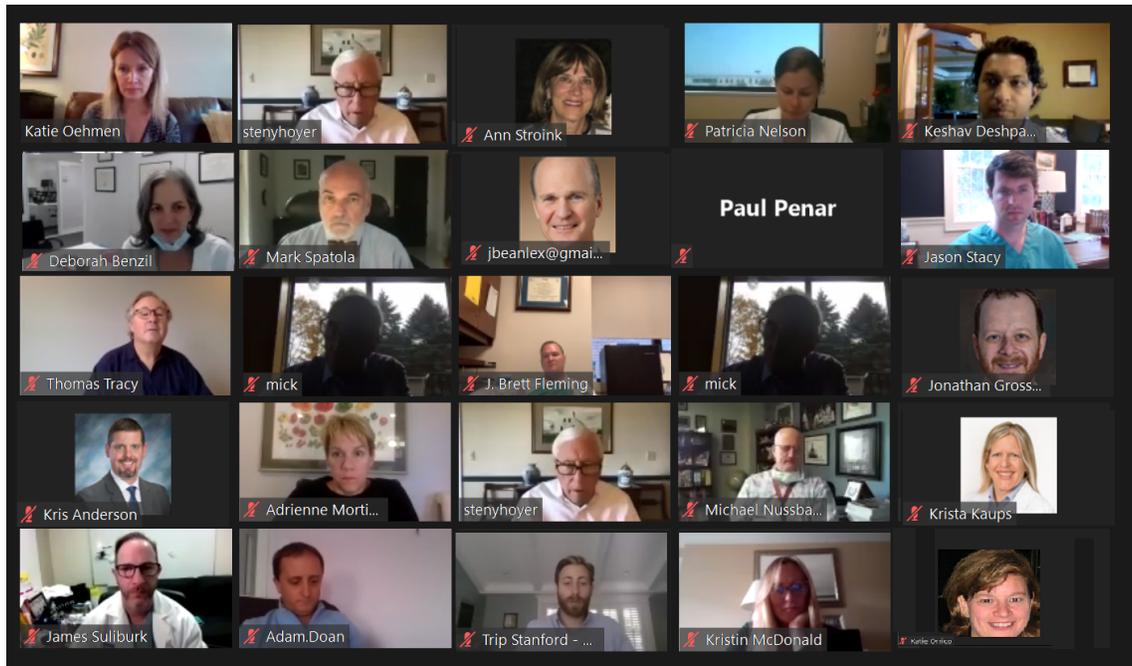
Rep. Ami Bera, MD (D-Calif.) with Washington Committee Past-Chair Ann Stroink, MD at the California Association of Neurological Surgeons (CANS) Meeting.



Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) and Rep. Phil Roe, MD (R-Tenn.) discuss priority issues at the Healthcare Freedom Fund event hosted by NeurosurgeryPAC.

NEUROSURGEONS IN ACTION

TAKING NEUROSURGERY'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS



NeurosurgeryPAC participates in a physician virtual event for House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.).



NeurosurgeryPAC Vice-Chair Stephen S. Scibelli, MD and Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.) at the National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) fall retreat.



NeurosurgeryPAC Vice-Chair Stephen S. Scibelli, MD and NRSC Past-Chair Sen. Todd Young (R-Ind.) at the NRSC fall retreat.

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