The RADPAC Report

Letter from the Chair

I am happy to provide an update following a successful ACR Annual Meeting, both in fundraising for RADPAC as well as our first in-person RADPAC Gala since 2019...

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Disbursements & Contributions

As of May 15, 2022 RADPAC has disbursed $130,000 to congressional campaign committees. Of this $130,000, $69,500 went to Republican campaigns and $60,500 went to Democratic campaigns. RADPAC has also spent $164,130 on Independent Expenditures for RADPAC champions. RADPAC has raised $427,469.88 in contributions this year so far.
Residents and fellows often don’t realize how far their voice can carry in advocating for our patients and profession - with thousands of radiology trainees across the country, we have substantial influence in effecting national, state, and local policy. However, knowing how to first get involved is not always obvious.

The first step for interested trainees would be to reach out to their training program’s Radiology Advocacy Network (RAN) Representative. This individual is the RAN’s point person for relaying information about advocacy efforts including legislative calls-to-action, local and national issue campaigns, local lectures, and RADPAC events. If your program doesn’t have a RAN rep, you should consider signing up – the time commitment is minimal and it’s a great way for you and your program to stay on the #radvocacy pulse. If you’re interested, reach out to the ACR-RFS Advocacy Liaison, Fatima Elahi, DO at ran.rfs@gmail.com.

Another great way to get involved is by joining your state’s radiological society. A full list of state chapters can be found here. State radiological societies can be an important source of support in staying informed about legislation and helping you create and maintain relationships with decision-makers at the local and state level. Also, don’t underestimate the power of networking through your involvement in your state society!

Lastly, Twitter can be a valuable resource for up-to-the minute developments related to advocacy and residency/fellowship. Some accounts to follow on Twitter to get started include @RADPAC, @RadiologyACR, @ACRRFS, @ACRYPS, @ACRRAN, as well as your U.S Representatives and Senators.

Radiology residents and fellows provide unmatched energy and passion in creating the change that we want to see in healthcare, and we would love to have you on the team. Please reach out on Fatima above or us on Twitter if you have any questions about how to get started!

- Alex Podlaski (@APodMD) & Mike Lee (@Mike_JS_Lee)

**EVENTS**

RADPAC has had a very busy and productive Q1! We officially launched our RADVOCACY Podcast, hosted by RADPAC with our inaugural episode featuring RADPAC Chair, Dr. Jacqueline Bello. Our second episode featured RADPAC Champion, Rep. Larry Bucshon, M.D. (R-IN).

**Contributor Spotlight:**
**Pamela Woodard, MD, FAHA, FACR, FCCP**

What is the main reason you give to RADPAC? The main reason I give to RADPAC is to promote the mission of the ACR through support of political candidates who understand the value of medical imaging in service to our patients and push forward healthcare policies based on
science. As Chair of the Research Commission promoting imaging healthcare policies that are evidence-based is very important to me. I also want to see candidates promoted who understand the role of imaging in health equity and understand that access to imaging in all aspects of healthcare - screening, diagnosis, and monitoring of treatment – saves lives.

**What is one thing you wish others knew about RADPAC?** The one thing I wish others knew about RADPAC is that it truly has the ability to impact healthcare through policy.

**Why do you think it's important that RADPAC ranks among the top 5 Specialty Physician PACs in contributions raised each year?** We want to be sure that our political leaders understand the impact of evidence-based imaging upon the health of the American public.

**What is one fun fact about you?** In college I was News Director for Duke University’s FM station, WXDU.

### RADVOCACY Podcast Hosted by RADPAC

This episode of the RADVOCACY Podcast hosted by RADPAC features Congressman Larry Bucshon, MD. Dr. Bucshon, a cardiothoracic surgeon, represents the Eighth District of Indiana and serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Join us as we discuss Dr. Bucshon’s thoughts on what can be done in Congress to improve the healthcare system for providers, the different things he has experienced as a member of Congress, and what advice he would give to ACR members about the importance of being involved in the political process.

**LISTEN NOW**

In February, Dr. Jenny Bencardino was the winner of our 2022 RADPAC Super Bowl Campaign with her successful pick of the LA Rams to win the game.
March brought RADPAC’s annual March Chapter Challenge. This campaign brought record breaking fundraising numbers with $213,727.64 raised from 802 contributors. Congratulations to all of our division winners: Alabama, Iowa, Rhode Island, Texas and Virginia.
In April, RADPAC had the privilege of being in person at the ACR Annual Meeting for the first time since 2019. At the meeting RADPAC raised $45,301.00 and presented our 2022 RADPAC Achievement Award to Dr. Don Yoo, FACR.

We were also honored to be back at the RADPAC Gala at the International Spy Museum where we presented our Congressional Award for Radiological Excellence to Reps. Ami Bera, M.D. and Larry Bucshon, M.D.
RAN

The American College of Radiology® (ACR®) has named Amy K. Patel, MD, to lead the Radiology Advocacy Network (RAN). The RAN of the ACR was created to assist radiologists in becoming more informed about, as well as more involved in, advocacy for radiology on a state and federal level. One of RAN’s primary goals is to get more ACR members to contact their lawmakers about pressing legislation affecting radiology and its patients.

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Inside Elections: Presented by RADPAC

This digest takes a look at the national political environment six months away from Election Day. It also includes links to analysis of the Colorado Senate race, special elections in Texas and Alaska, a look at Biden’s stagnant job rating, and a state legislative preview, as well as House and Senate ratings charts.

INSIDE ELECTIONS

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