

EDPAC Report

EDPAC continues to move forward in spite of the Pandemic's limitations. We have had a number of successful ZOOM meetings along with a few in-person gatherings with various state legislators. These have included ZOOM meetings with both Governor Hochul and Attorney General Letitia James. In both instances these were very positive interactions with the current top governance individuals in New York State politics.

We have also engaged both with some of our Congressional representatives in Washington and other state legislators in Washington at a recent Democratic Congressional fundraiser. It is truly edifying to see how well respected our New York delegation is thought of. We met with five or six of our legislators to discuss various issues of mutual interest related to Dentistry. I was accompanied by Dr.'s Amarilis Jacobo and Rick Andolina along with our lobbyist.

As we are all aware the Pandemic has certainly impacted our usual activities. As I've mentioned previously this has necessitated increased virtual meetings which have had both positive and negative ramifications. Going forward we will continue to utilize this method of engaging legislators but will be increasing actual face-to-face activities. Also the donations to EDPAC have unsurprisingly fallen off somewhat. However we are encouraged by recent monetary increases and look forward to more robust financial engagements in the future.

I am optimistic about our prospects in the future and look forward to upcoming events where we can again get together and discuss our continued political endeavors. Thank you.