



# FSPMA Annual Meeting

Steven L Goldman, DPM, MBA  
Executive Director

November 2, 2024  
Meeting Started at 2:00pm MST  
Desert Foot - WEST

# Attendance

## • Board Members & Staff

- Ksenjia Topic, DPM (VP/Acting Pres)
- Mark Gardner, DPM (Treasurer)
- Christopher Japour, DPM (Sec)
- Mark Jones, DPM (Board Mem)
- Sung Byun, DPM (Board Mem)
- Steven Goldman, DPM (Ex. Dir.)

## Members

- Jason Huss DPM
  - Shena McQueen
  - Joseph Miller DPM
  - Philip Tutnauer
  - Michael Walker
  - Espie Rozell
  - Al Rudnick
  - James Knudson
  - Ivan Vela  
Member)
  - Patty Russo DPM  
Knoxville IA
  - Capt David Lau
  - Richard Latour
  - Ronald Palmquist
  - Tara Pettengill
- Seattle VA  
Chinle AZ IHS  
Chinle AZ IHS  
PHC-HIS Chinle AZ
- Federal  
IHS  
Nellis AFB (AirForce)
- VA Illiana (Young  
VA Marshalltown/  
Public Health Service  
Lebanon VAMC  
ZOOM  
ZOOM

## • Guests

- Paul Gee
- Kim Lau

# Topics / Agenda

- Board Members & Staff
- Membership Numbers
- Website:
  - [www.fspma.us](http://www.fspma.us)
  - Member Spotlight
  - News/Updates
  - Useful Information / Links
- Young Member
- Financials
- Legislative Affairs
- Elections
- Questions

# Board of Directors & Staff



**Steven L. Goldman, DPM,  
MBA**

San Tan Valley, AZ

Executive  
Director



**Wendy Young-Gomerman,  
DPM**

Northport, NY

President



**Ksenija Topic, DPM**

Navajo Area, AZ

Vice  
President



**Mark Gardner, DPM**

Martinsburg, WV

Treasurer



**Christopher Japour, DPM**

Danville, IL

Secretary



**Marc Jones, DPM**

Spokane, WA

Director

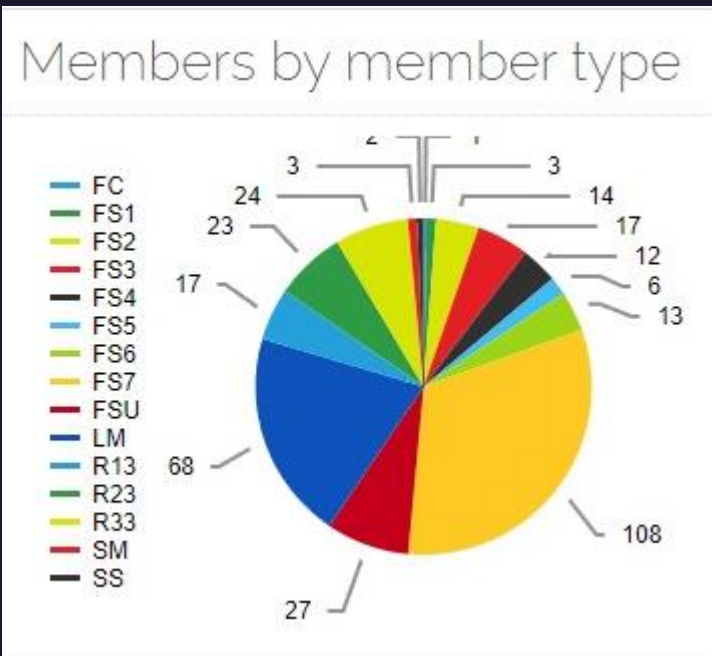


**Sung Byun, DPM**

Portland, OR

Director

# Membership / Dues

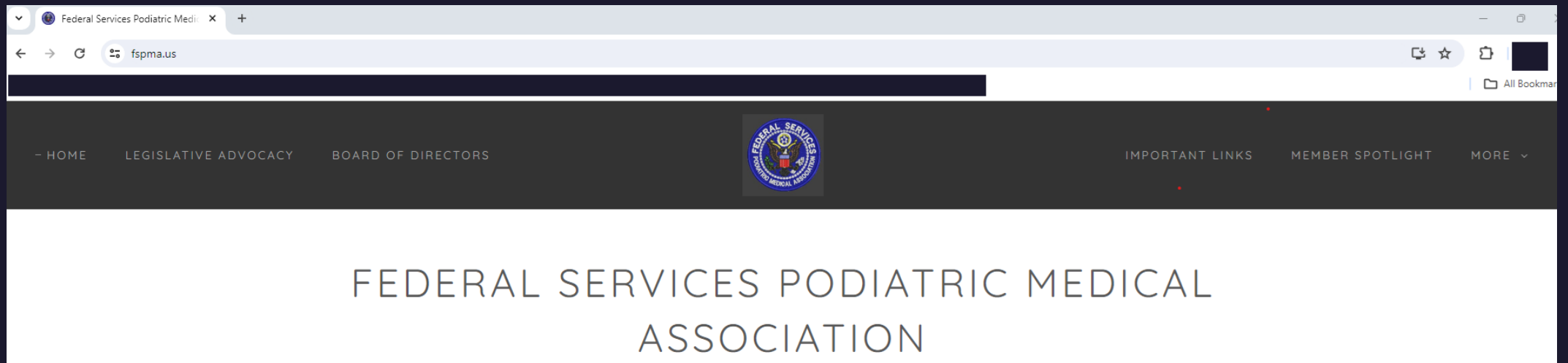


Fiscal Year	2024
Dues Collection	APMA_ANNUAL
Component	FS

FSU	\$100.00
FS1	\$100.00
FS2	\$100.00
FS3	\$100.00
FS4	\$200.00
FS5	\$200.00
FS6	\$200.00
FS7	\$200.00
(SM) Senior Member	\$200.00
(LM) Life Member	\$0.00

# Website

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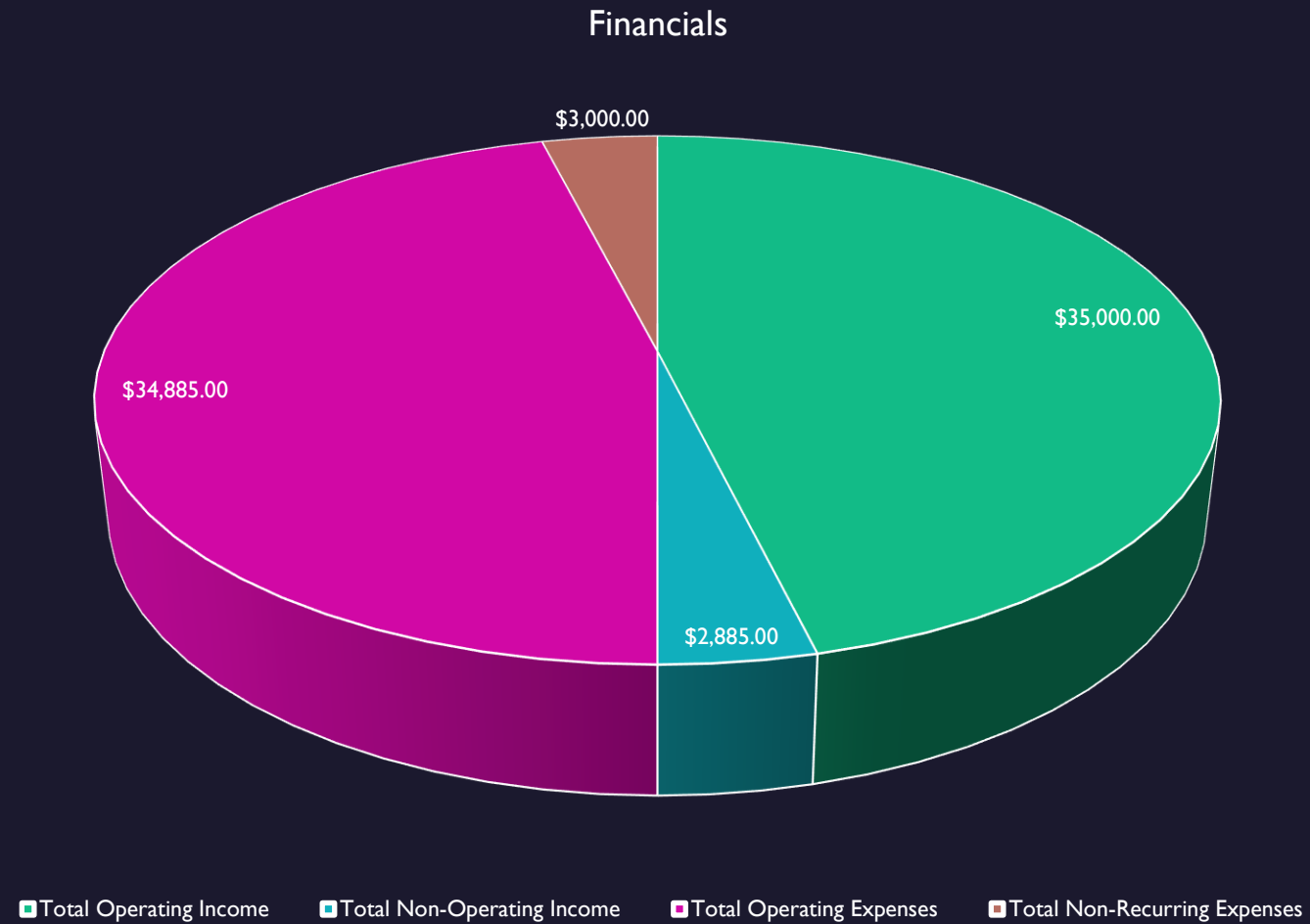


# Young Member

Ivan Vela, DPM  
Chicago, IL



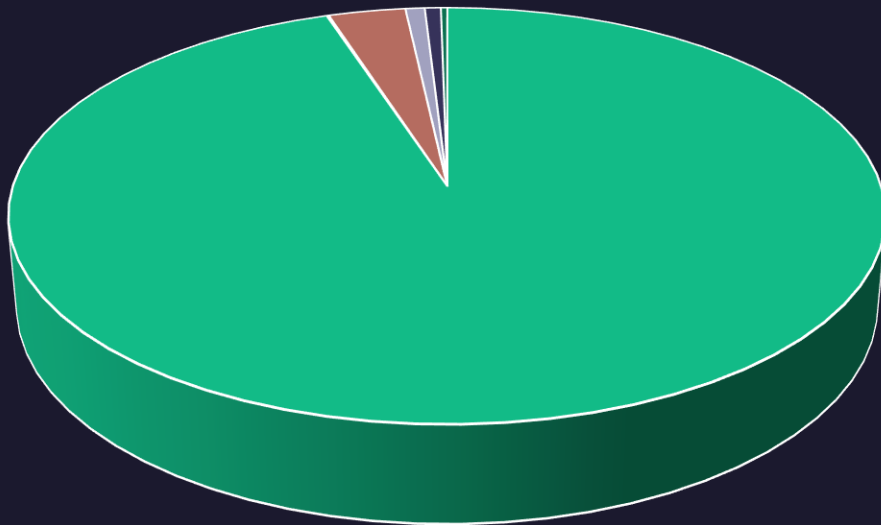
# Financials





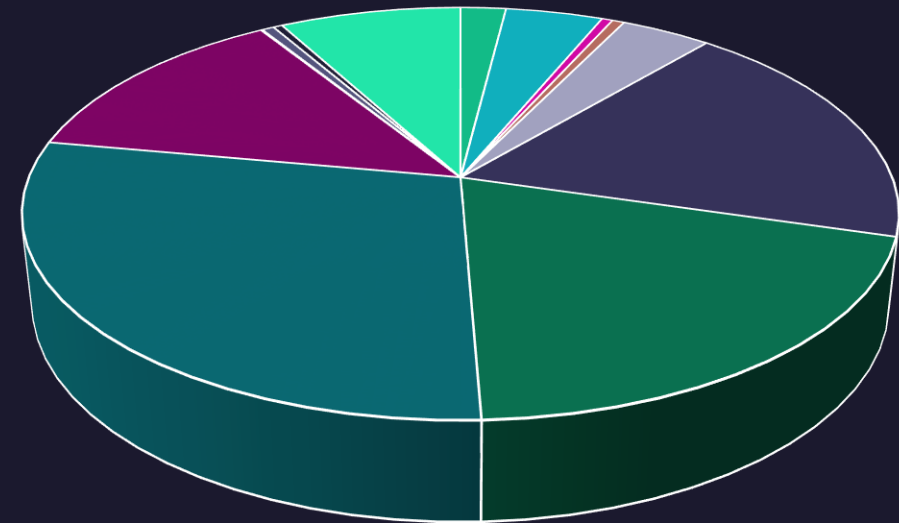
# Financials

Income



■ DUES
■ Interest (Checking)
■ Interest (Savings)
■ Interest (CD 1)  
■ Interest (CD 2)
■ Interest (CD 3)
■ Interest (CD 4)

Expenses



■ Accounting
■ Legal
■ Email  
■ Zoom
■ Insurance
■ Payroll Expenses  
■ HOD
■ ANNUAL MEETING
■ YOUNG MEMBER  
■ Web Domain
■ Web Hosting
■ Misc  
■ Gifts Given

# Legislative Affairs



Sen. Jerry Moran (KS)



Hon. Jen Kiggans (VA)



Hon. Morgan McGarvey (KY)

# Legislative Affairs

- S 1954/HR 4150, the “Improving Whole Health For Veterans With Chronic Conditions Act”
- S 1545/HR 3176, the “Veterans Healthcare Freedom Act”
- S 1403/HR 3046, the “Medical Student Education Authorization Act”
- HR 1144, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Telehealth Strategy Act”
- HR 602, the “Veterans Healing Veterans Act”
- S 2649, the “Making Community Care Work for Veterans Act”
- S 10, the “VA Clinician Appreciation, Recruitment, Education, Expansion, and Retention Support (CAREERS) Act”
  - *This item was discussed with the Senate and Congressional offices as only one “ask” item can be discussed “in detail” in the allotted time with their office.*

# Legislative Affairs

- S 1954/HR 4150, the “Improving Whole Health For Veterans With Chronic Conditions Act”

This bill would aim to improve the provision of health care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans diagnosed with diabetes and heart disease. Specifically, this bill would provide comprehensive dental care to veterans diagnosed with diabetes or ischemic heart disease for a period of four years to study the health-care outcomes and cost-effectiveness of such care.

# Legislative Affairs

- [S 1545/HR 3176, the “Veterans Healthcare Freedom Act”](#)

This bill requires the Center for Innovation for Care and Payment within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to implement a three-year pilot program to improve the ability of veterans who are enrolled in the VA health-care system to access hospital care, medical services, and extended care services by providing such veterans with the ability to choose health-care providers. Under the bill, the covered care system includes VA medical facilities, health-care providers participating in the Veterans Community Care Program (VCCP), and eligible entities or providers that have entered into a Veterans Care Agreement.

# Legislative Affairs

- [S 1403/HR 3046, the “Medical Student Education Authorization Act”](#)

This bill provides statutory authority for the Medical Student Education Program, through which the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awards matching grants for expanding and supporting medical education for students to serve as primary care physicians in tribal, rural, or medically underserved communities. HRSA must award grants to public institutions of higher education located in states that rank in the top quartile of states based on projected unmet demand for primary care providers. HRSA must give priority to recipients that are located in states with two or more federally recognized Indian tribes, and demonstrate a public-private partnership.

# Legislative Affairs

- [HR 1144, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Telehealth Strategy Act”](#)

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to submit a strategy to Congress for the telehealth services furnished by the Veterans Health Administration. Additionally, the VA must report on the utilization of end-user devices provided to veterans by the VA to facilitate telehealth during FY2023 and FY2024.



# Legislative Affairs

- [HR 602, the “Veterans Healing Veterans Act”](#)

This bill would amend the VA MISSION Act of 2018 to expand the Veterans Healing Veterans Medical Access and Scholarship Program to include more students and schools.

# Legislative Affairs

- [S 2649, the “Making Community Care Work for Veterans Act”](#)

This bill would build upon the community care program Congress put in place with the VA MISSION Act—removing red tape from the referral process that has caused delays in care for some veterans. For providers, this bill would extend the time providers can submit bills for reimbursements in the VA; require VA to adopt national interoperability standards for the electronic transfer of health information to increase VA’s coordination of veterans’ care; and require VA to schedule internal and community care appointments in a timely manner.

# Legislative Affairs

- S 10, the “VA Clinician Appreciation, Recruitment, Education, Expansion, and Retention Support (CAREERS) Act”

This bill aims to improve the workforce of the Department of Veterans Affairs. This includes paying for licensure exam costs for future clinicians participating in the VA scholarship programs; expanding eligibility for health-care staff to be reimbursed for ongoing professional education costs (including the American Podiatric Medical Licensing Exam); and modification of pay limitation for physicians, podiatrists, optometrists, and dentists of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

- **DISCUSSION**

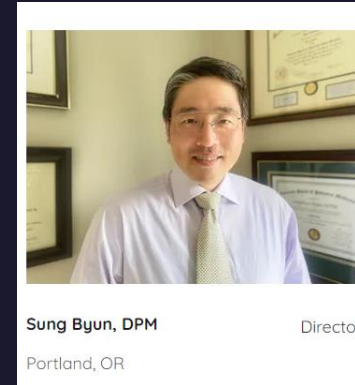
- This item was specifically discussed, in detail, with each of the Congressional members. It is currently part of a Senate Bill with no Congressional counterpart. It's in the early stages of consideration
- It needs a Congressional counterpart to move forward
- It speaks directly to the equity of CME funding for federally employed podiatrists
- With the impending election, no movement on this bill is likely



# Indian Health Service Update

- IHS is continuing virtual quarterly meetings with the I.H.S. CMO covering a variety of topics such as social determinants of health as well as various STI, Emergency Medicine topics.
- New Chief Clinical Consultants Char is Dr. Paul Charlton
- Continue to provide staffing/space feedback for new planned facilities across the I.H.S.
- Will contact Dr. Charlton regarding the new Deputy CCC for Podiatry

# Elections



There are 2 Board of Director Trustee positions that are up for election this year. In August 2024, a nominations committee chaired by one of our past Presidents, William Chagares, DPM convened to solicit anyone interested in running for those positions. Approximately 8 people from diverse federal agencies (including the incumbent trustees) were contacted for their interest in running for the open positions and only the current incumbents remained interested in continuing following that process. As such, the incumbents are running unopposed to continue their positions.

**VOTE: The candidates were voted in unanimously**

# Questions



# Thank you!

On May 2, 2020, during the height of the COVID pandemic, in solidarity with, and to acknowledge the hard-working healthcare community's efforts, the Navy's Blue Angles and the Air Force's Thunderbirds precision flying teams flew **together** for one and only time over Washington DC. This picture was taken that day as they flew over the Capital.





# Meeting Concluded

2:14pm MST