Advocacy and Outreach

**Board of Directors Meeting** 

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- Topic: Political Action Committee (PAC)





### **Recap from December 2023**

- AOC needs to establish a PAC to deliver value to stakeholders. A PAC makes us more <u>relevant</u>, provides a <u>collective voice</u> to Congress for our industry partners and individual members, and <u>strengthens our advocacy</u> because our mission is in higher demand and receiving greater attention.
- The AOC Board voted in December 2023 to approve initiation of the process to establish a PAC and the formation of an ad hoc committee to carry out responsibilities and report progress.
- Our Goal: A fully-approved (by AOC Board) and officially registered (by the FEC) PAC by <u>January 2025</u> to allow for contribution solicitation in the NEXT election cycle.



## **Ad Hoc Committee Update**

- First meeting February 28
- Invitees/Attendees
  - Madison Arcangeli
  - Tony Lisuzzo
  - Kilo Parks
  - Myles Murphey
  - Greg Patschke
  - Erik Bamford
  - Haruko Kawahigashi
  - Rick Lu
  - Adam Goodwin
  - Scott Oliver
  - Amanda Brockermeyer

#### Agenda:

- Responsibilities of the ad hoc committee
- Guidelines for international participation in PAC operations
- Education/Outreach to AOC members
- Timeline / Action Plan for Committee



## The Way Ahead

- Next meeting, April 2024 (TBD)
  - Develop issue paper on PAC impact on international advocacy
  - Develop AOC membership Education and Outreach Plan for 2024
  - Begin identifying potential PAC officers (minimum 4+, including Chairman, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Secretary)
  - Build draft PAC Bylaws
- Next Update, June BoD meeting
- Goal: Board approval of PAC registration, bylaws, officers, and operations plan at December BoD meeting.
- Goal: Official registration of PAC to the FEC after January 1, 2025



#### Why Does AOC Need a PAC?

#### A PAC Delivers 3 Main Values

- Helps grow the AOC because it will make us more relevant in our market.
- Provides value to our Industry Partners because it provides a collective voice to Congress.
- Benefits individual AOC members because it provides them a voice to Congress. A successful PAC can deliver opportunities to engage Congress locally through our chapters in the US.

#### A PAC Strengthens AOC Advocacy

- Our mission is in higher demand and receiving greater attention
- Education and Awareness on Capitol Hill, by nature, can never stop. PACs provide direct access to the Member to provide continuity to outreach efforts..
- Perspective on our need for a PAC: Forza DC



# **Questions?**