



148 Club

There are 148 members of the legislature. 110 in the State House of Representatives and 38 in the State Senate. In order to be effective, MSMS, MDPAC, MSMSA, and MMGMA needs to establish and cultivate personal relationships with these lawmakers. The following is an overview of the expectations of people interested in becoming a member of the 148 Club:

Time: The most significant contribution to becoming a member of the 148 club is your time. Relationships with lawmakers must be made in person. This can mean a simple meeting over coffee or breakfast or some other casual setting. Educating lawmakers is invaluable, as they strive to represent the interests of their constituents.

MSMS will be there for you to use your time as effectively as possible, meaning that if you need any assistance setting up the meeting or would like help with learning issues important to organized medicine, MSMS is only a phone call away to take care of these issues.

Commitment: As a leader, and as an important contact to your lawmaker, MSMS will likely ask for your help when legislative action. By meeting with your lawmaker, you will become a trusted source of advice on health care issues. Therefore, your input on these types of issues will be tremendously influential. You may be asked to make a phone call, write a letter, or send an email in support of organized medicine on occasion.

Financial Resources: One of the unfortunate facts of life in politics is the need to raise money. MDPAC is the political voice for physicians in Lansing, therefore it is important that 148 Club members understand the importance of funding this important voice for physicians, their practices, and their families .

If you have questions regarding the 148 club or ever need any assistance with setting up a meeting with your legislators, please contact Colin J. Ford, Manager, State Government Affairs at (517) 336-5737 or email at cford@msms.org, or see contact information at www.msms.org/political.