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AND SHERRON BROWN.

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COMPLAINT

1. As explained more fully below, the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) beginning on March 24, 2012 violated (and continues to violate) the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA), 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a), by providing Senator Sherrod Brown (the Democratic Party candidate for United States Senate in Ohio) and Josh Mandel (a Republican Party challenger) corporate campaign contributions. Brown and Mandel are also likely in violation of the FECA because they participated in arranging, and accepting, these unlawful corporate campaign contributions. See 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a).

2. As explained more fully below, OSMA violated the FECA and its implementing regulations by inviting, authorizing and allowing both Brown and Mandel to make campaign-related speeches to an unrestricted audience that included the general public. See FEC Advisory Opinion 1996-11. OSMA accomplished this illegal end by filming (i.e., electronically capturing through video and audio recording) both Brown's and Mandel's campaign-related speeches delivered at OSMA's annual convention, and then posting this filming (as described above) in its entirety on OSMA's unrestricted web page, which is open to and available to the general public. See 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(c) (describing speech corporations may distribute to the general public); 11 C.F.R. §§ 114.3(c)(2) and 114.4(b)(1) (describing permissible campaign-related speech delivered to restricted audiences). See also 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e) (applying 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(b)'s limitations to non-profit membership organizations).

3. As explained more fully below, OSMA's posting of Brown's and Mandel's speeches on its unrestricted web page separately and independently violates the FECA, 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a), because it constitutes "something of value" donated to the Brown and Mandel campaigns. See FEC Advisory Opinion 1996-11 (holding that non-profit membership corporation cannot invite public to hear campaign-related speeches by office-holders at a corporation meeting).

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4. As explained more fully below, Brown and Mandel are in violation of the FECA, 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a), if they knowingly accepted or continue to accept the aforementioned corporate contributions.

5. Complainant has been, and continues to be, injured by OSMA's illegal campaign contributions to Brown and Mandel, the Democratic and Republican candidates for Ohio's United States Senate seat, because OSMA's actions skew the political process in Ohio, benefit the two established parties at the expense of emerging ballot-qualified parties in Ohio—including the Libertarian and Green Parties, both of which are ballot-qualified and have qualified candidates for Ohio's 2012 United States Senate race—and perpetuate the public illusion of a two-party system in Ohio. Further, OSMA's actions have misled the electorate into believing that a true debate was staged between "the candidates" for Ohio's United States Senate seat, thereby injuring Ohio's other qualified party candidates and their supporters.

#### COMPLAINANT

6. Mark R. Brown is a registered voter in Ohio who routinely votes for qualified minor-party candidates in Ohio, including those qualified candidates of the Socialist Party, Green Party and Libertarian Party, and who intends to vote for one of Ohio's minor-party candidates for United States Senate in November 2012. His mailing address is: Mark R. Brown, Columbus, OH 43220.

#### RESPONDENTS

7. Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) is a non-profit corporation<sup>1</sup> organized under the laws of Ohio.<sup>2</sup> Its mailing address is: Ohio State Medical Association, 3401 Mill Run Drive, Hilliard, OH 43026.

8. Josh Mandel is the Republican Party candidate for Ohio's 2012 United States Senate seat, having won the Republican Party primary in Ohio in early March of 2012, before the relevant

<sup>1</sup> OSMA is a 501(c)(6) corporation within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code.

<sup>2</sup> OSMA's charter on file with the Ohio Secretary of State does not reveal whether it is a non-profit membership corporation within the meaning of the federal election laws. Assuming that OSMA is a non-profit membership corporation, Complainant's charges remain the same. The requirements of, and prohibitions on, non-profit membership corporations and other non-profit corporations are the same for purposes of this Complaint. Compare 11 C.F.R. §§ 114.3(c) & 114.4(b) (describing requirements for corporations) with 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e) (describing requirements for membership corporations). Neither type of corporation is allowed to facilitate the campaign-related speech of candidates by distributing it beyond federally-prescribed restricted classes to the general public.

events described in this Complaint occurred. His campaign's mailing address is: Citizens for Josh Mandel, 50 W. Broad Street, Suite 1900, Columbus, OH 43215.

9. Sherrod Brown is Ohio's incumbent United States Senator and the Democratic Party's candidate for Ohio's 2012 United States Senate seat, having won the Democratic Party's primary in Ohio in early March of 2012, before the relevant events described in this Complaint occurred. His campaign's mailing address is: Friends of Sherrod Brown, 1653 Merriam Road, Suite 114, Akron, OH 44313.

### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

10. Senator Sherrod Brown, the Democratic candidate for Ohio's 2012 United State Senate seat, and his Republican candidate, Josh Mandel, were both invited by the OSMA to deliver seriatim speeches at OSMA's March 2012 annual convention. See Joe Vardon, *Docs get dose of candidates in Senate race; Mandel, Brown display contrasts to medical group*, Columbus Dispatch, March 25, 2012 (<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2012/03/25/docs-get-dose-of-candidates-in-senate-race.html>) (Attachment A).

11. Both Brown and Mandel, on March 24, 2012, delivered their respective speeches, seriatim, at OSMA's annual convention. See Joe Vardon, *Docs get dose of candidates in Senate race; Mandel, Brown display contrasts to medical group*, Columbus Dispatch, March 25, 2012 (<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2012/03/25/docs-get-dose-of-candidates-in-senate-race.html>) (Attachment A).<sup>3</sup>

12. Mandel's speech lasted approximately 19 minutes, while Brown's speech (which immediately followed) lasted approximately 23 minutes. Mandel's speech, a complete video of which is included on OSMA's official web page, is clearly campaign-related. See <http://www.osma.org/about-osma/annual-meeting/2012-annual-meeting-news>. For instance, Mandel expressly attacked Brown's votes and positions as a United States Senator and expressly advocated his own election to that office. Brown's speech, a complete video of which is also included on OSMA's official web page, is also campaign-related within the meaning of federal law. See <http://www.osma.org/about-osma/annual-meeting/2012-annual-meeting-news>.

<sup>3</sup> It is unclear whether the live audience was properly limited under 11 C.F.R. § 114.3(c); 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(b); and 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e) to "restricted class" members, other employees of the OSMA, and permissible guests (including the press). Complainant has no first-hand knowledge of whether members beyond these classes were included in the live audience. Whether the live audience was properly restricted is not material to Complainant's charge. OSMA's violation occurred because it broadcast, and continues to broadcast, campaign-related speeches in their entirety to the general public.

13. Notwithstanding that Ohio has additional ballot-qualified candidates for its 2012 United States Senate seat,<sup>4</sup> to the best of Complainant's knowledge no other candidates for this office were invited or allowed to speak to those present at OSMA's annual convention.

14. OSMA admits that Brown's and Mandel's seriatim appearances at its annual convention were not treated as a "debate" by OSMA within the meaning of federal election laws.<sup>5</sup> See e-mail from Tim Maglione to Mark Brown, March 29, 2012 (Attachment B).

15. Regulations passed by the Federal Election Commission (FEC) allow corporations, including non-profits, to invite candidates to speak on campaign-related matters to their "restricted class" memberships. See 11 C.F.R. § 114.3(c)(2).<sup>6</sup>

16. Corporations, non-profits, and incorporated membership organizations are likewise authorized to invite candidates "to address or meet members and employees of the organization, and their families, on the organization's premises or at a meeting, convention or other function of the organization." 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e). See also 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(b)(1). Candidates may under these circumstances engage in campaign-related speech.

17. Non-profit corporations, including incorporated membership organizations, may lawfully sponsor, hold and broadcast candidates' debates (which necessarily include campaign-related speech) and make these debates open to the general public, see, e.g., 11 C.F.R. § 114(f), so long as the corporations use publicly-stated, pre-existing, objective criteria to select the candidates to be included in the debates.

18. OSMA did not comply with the FEC's regulations for staging debates, see, e.g., 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(f), which require (among other things) that publicly-stated, pre-existing, objective criteria be used to neutrally select candidates to be included in the debates. See e-mail from Tim Maglione to Mark Brown, March 29, 2012 (Attachment B).

19. Following Brown's and Mandel's speeches, full video coverage of the entire 43-minute joint-presentation was posted on OSMA's official web page, which is not password-protected and is open to the general public. See OSMA Annual Meeting News

<sup>4</sup> Both the Libertarian Party and Green Party have candidates running for the United States Senate seat sought by Brown and Mandel. Both parties are qualified in Ohio. Regardless of whether additional parties have qualified candidates for the United States Senate, OSMA's public distribution of campaign-related speech violates the FECA.

<sup>5</sup> Were Brown's and Mandel's campaign-related comments part of a properly organized debate, see 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(f), they could have been opened to the general public. Properly organizing a debate within the framework of federal election laws, however, requires that staging organizations, among other things, employ publicly-stated pre-existing, objective criteria to select the candidates who participate. OSMA admits that it did not do that here.

<sup>6</sup> "Restricted class" membership includes members, their immediate families, and executive/administrative personnel (and their families). It excludes unsalaried employees and the general public. Section 114.3(c)(2) also allows incidental guests and members of the press to attend.

(<http://www.osma.org/about-osma/annual-meeting/2012-annual-meeting-news>) (last visited March 30, 2012) (Attachment C).

20. OSMA's official web page, which includes comments about the campaign-related speeches it includes, describes (and continues to describe) Brown and Mandel as "*candidates* for the U.S. Senate." See 2012 OSMA Annual Meeting Recap (<http://www.osma.org/news/release.d/f/2012-osma-annual-meeting-recap/f837>) (last visited March 30, 2012) (Attachment D) (emphasis added).

21. An alternative link<sup>7</sup> used by OSMA's web page to direct visitors to view the full coverage of Brown's and Mandel's speeches states that "[t]he *major candidates* for U.S. Senate in Ohio, Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon) and Josh Mandel (R-Lyndhurst) discussed health care issues with the membership ...." See <http://vimeo.com/39216200> (last visited March 30, 2012) (Attachment E) (emphasis added).

#### VIOLATIONS

22. The Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) prohibits corporations from making contributions or expenditures "in connection with" federal elections. 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a). The FECA defines "contribution or expenditure" to include "any direct or indirect payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money, or any services, or *anything of value* to any candidate, campaign committee, or political party or organization." *Id.* § 441b(b)(2) (emphasis added).

23. Outside a properly staged debate format, corporations, non-profits, and incorporated membership corporations are prohibited by FEC regulations from inviting or allowing the general public to attend candidates' presentations that include campaign-related speech that they (that is, the corporations, non-profits, and incorporated membership organizations) have sponsored, authorized, organized, or otherwise allowed. See FEC Advisory Opinion 1996-11; 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(b)(1); 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e); 11 C.F.R. § 114.3(c)(2).

24. The FEC has made clear in the case of both officeholders who are not making campaign-related speeches and those who are making campaign-related speeches that the "distribution of taped speeches free of charge to news organizations or to the general public" constitutes an "impermissible contribution" to the officeholders/candidates under the FECA, "since the taping

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<sup>7</sup> This alternate link is not necessary to access the 43-minute video of Brown and Mandel. Rather, it is simply an additional path to the video. The Brown-Mandel video is fully accessible from the OSMA web page.

and distribution of the candidates' views on the issues addressed at the convention is something of value to the candidates." FEC Advisory Opinion 1996-11.

25. Federal law prohibits debate-sponsors, including non-profit corporations, from simply choosing the "major" Democratic and Republican candidates for federal office to engage in debates. *See Buchanan v. Federal Election Commission*, 112 F. Supp.2d 58, 74 (D.D.C. 2000) (quoting FEC statement).

26. OSMA violated the FECA, 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a); 11 C.F.R. § 114.3(c); 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(b); 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(c); and 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e), by immediately and continuously broadcasting Brown's and Mandel's campaign-related speeches to the general public. *See* FEC Advisory Opinion 1996-11. Specifically, OSMA did so by taping the candidates' campaign-related speeches and posting them in their entirety on its unrestricted web page, thereby continuously broadcasting the campaign-related speeches to the general public.

27. OSMA's action is equivalent to its opening its annual meeting and the campaign-related speeches presented there to the general public in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a); 11 C.F.R. § 114.3(c); 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(b); 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(c); 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e), and FEC Advisory Opinion 1996-11.

28. By immediately and continuously disseminating full-text video coverage of Brown's and Mandel's campaign-related speeches to the general public, OSMA separately and independently violated federal election laws by illegally providing "something of value" to these two candidates for federal office. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a); FEC Advisory Opinion 1996-11.

28. Because the FECA prohibits "any candidate" from "knowingly ... accept[ing] or receiv[ing] any contribution prohibited by this section," 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a), Brown and Mandel are complicit in OSMA's illegalities and in violation of the FECA's ban on corporate contributions.

#### DEMAND FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Complainant respectfully requests that the Commission investigate the allegations contained in this Complaint, declare that the Respondents are in violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act and applicable FEC regulations, and impose sanctions commensurate with these violations. This includes attempting immediate conciliation under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(4)(A), instituting proceedings in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, *see* 2 U.S.C. § 437g(6)(A), and/or referring the matter to the Attorney General of the United States for immediate prosecution. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 437g(5)(C).

I swear under penalty of perjury that the allegations contained in this Complaint are, upon information and belief, true and correct.

Sworn pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Mark R. Brown  
Mark R. Brown

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2012.

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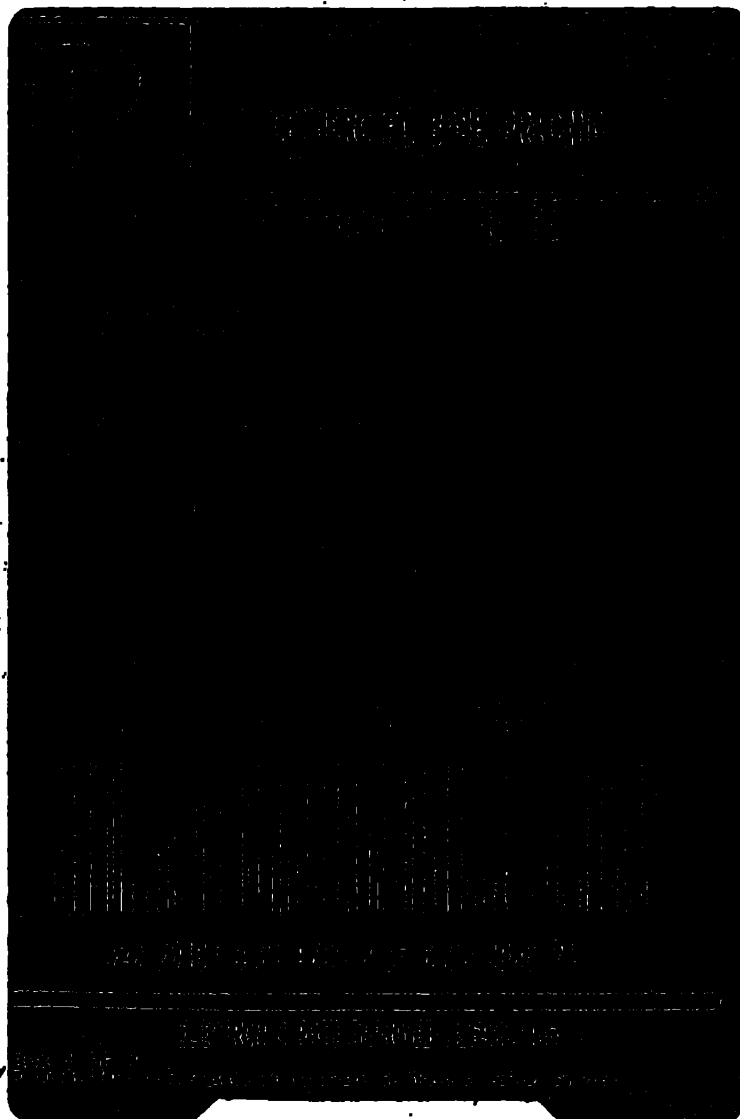
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Josh Mandel time and again yesterday mentioned the name of the man he's trying to unseat this fall.

His opponent, Democratic U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, made no mention of Mandel in his speech to a group of doctors a few minutes later.

If what transpired at the Ohio State Medical Association's annual meeting in the Hilton Columbus at Easton is any indication, Ohio voters should have no trouble drawing a contrast between the two.

"My goal is to do my job in the Senate," Brown said after his speech. "And I meet with doctors. I knew probably 1 in 5 of the doctors in the room, and I've met with many of them over the years, and we talk about what can we do to make medicine better, health care delivered better. That's my job, and that's what I'm going to continue to do throughout the campaign."

Brown, who in the past hasn't shied away from taking political shots at Republicans on various issues, made just a few mild, passing criticisms of the GOP yesterday, including one for failing to address how it would "replace" President Barack Obama's health-care law if it were repealed. He stuck mainly to policies and initiatives he has worked on with doctors.

Mandel, currently Ohio's first-term Republican treasurer, decried the partisanship in Washington early in his speech and then criticized Brown for his support of the health-care law. He also accused Brown of stalling

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medical-malpractice legislative reforms because of Brown's close ties to lawyers.

Then Mandel, 34, who won the state treasurer's race in 2010 and won election to the state legislature in 2006, clipped Brown for "running for political office since Richard Nelson was president."

Brown, 59, has also served in the U.S. House of Representatives, as Ohio's secretary of state, and in the state legislature.

"I am running against a gentleman, Sherrod Brown, who I don't know too well," Mandel said. "But in my interactions with him, I've observed a couple things. I think he's a very nice person ... and I think he loves his country. But over the next eight months, he and I are going to have a many, many, public-policy debate over the issues."

"Decreasing medical costs by repealing government-run health care and ending junk lawsuits are bipartisan issues that Democrats, Republicans and independents throughout Ohio overwhelmingly support," Mandel later told *The Dispatch*.

"These are issues on which Sen. Brown and I respectfully disagree, and it's clear that the people of Ohio are on my side when it comes to taking on Washington bureaucrats and powerful lobbyists on these very important issues for patients."

To rebut Mandel's claims, Justin Barsky, a spokesman for Brown's campaign, said, "As he has throughout the campaign, Josh Mandel is making a wildly false claim against Sen. Brown to distract from Josh's lack of accomplishment in the treasurer's office and the fact that he would have voted to let Ohio's auto industry die."

Dr. Richard Nelson, a physician at the Wexner Medical Center at Ohio State University, said he thought both candidates gave "excellent speeches" with obvious differences.

"Josh is the challenger, and he gave a fiery speech," Nelson said. "He's very young, but he acknowledges that."

Nelson said the contrast in speeches was "predictable," given where the two men are starting from in this race. But Dr. Gerald Penn, a Dublin physician, said the different styles "spunk against Josh."

"You can't start with a negative," Penn said. "Whereas, of course, Sherrod's been in there for a long time and can talk about some of his accomplishments. It's hard for Josh Mandel because he doesn't have (as many political) accomplishments."

Mandel sought to make the most of his opportunity with the doctors group. His campaign staff passed out materials and collected names, phone numbers and email addresses.

"This is my first exposure to Josh Mandel," said Dr. Robyn Chatman, a Cincinnati physician, noting the "click folder" Mandel's staff handed to doctors. "The difference is experience. I think Sherrod is a little more seasoned as a politician. That's not necessarily good or bad."

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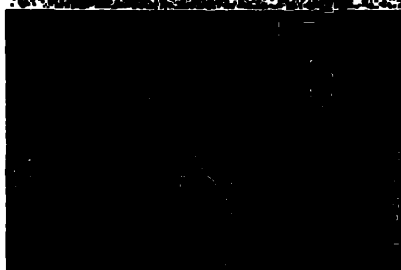
## 2012 OSMA ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

### DAY THREE - MARCH 25 - CLOSING SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The final day of the 2012 OSMA Annual Meeting began with the Closing Session of the House of Delegates, which included elections for the officers of OSMA present at-site as well as the Ohio Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA). The House of Delegates also voted on more than thirty prearranged resolutions.

Neal Johnson, MD, of Athens, was elected OSMA president-elect. The results for elections to OSMA Council and Ohio Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) are available here. The overview of 2012 Resolutions Outcomes is available here.

Below is a photograph of the Closing Session of the House of Delegates.

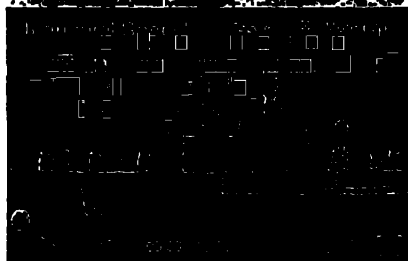


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### DAY TWO - MARCH 24 - OPENING SESSION OF THE 2012 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The second day of the 2012 OSMA Annual Meeting brought the opening of the 2012 OSMA House of Delegates (HOD). The HOD will decide OSMA policy on more than 30 resolutions during the Annual Meeting and hold elections for several OSMA offices, including OSMA president-elect and representatives to the Ohio Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA).

The second day of the meeting also brought in the Inauguration of Deepak Kumar, MD as OSMA president. He succeeds Charles J. Hickey, MD. Both Dr. Kumar and Dr. Hickey stressed the importance of the OSMA reacting to the changing climate of the practice of medicine so that the organization can remain a strong advocate for Ohio's physicians and their patients. Below is video of Dr. Kumar's inaugural address.

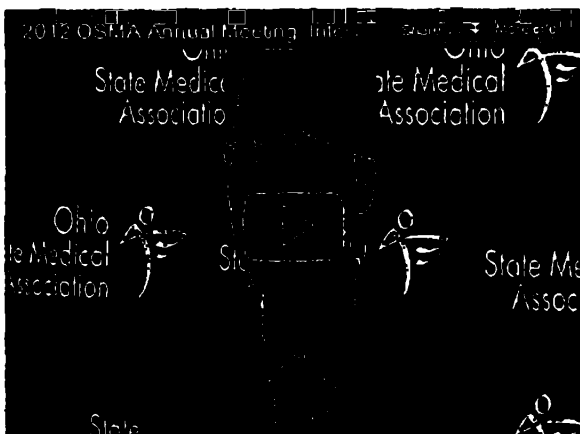


Below is video of Dr. Hickey's presidential address.

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Prior to joining HHS, Mr. Park co-founded athenahealth and co-led its development into one of the most innovative health IT companies in the industry. He also cofounded Casuigra, a web-based health care shopping service for consumers. Mr. Park has also served in a volunteer capacity as a Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Programs, where he focused on health IT and health reform policy, and as senior health care adviser to Ashoka, a leading global incubator of social entrepreneurs where he helped start HealthNet Services, a venture to bring affordable telehealth, drugs, diagnostics, and clean water to rural India.

Below is an interview the OSMA conducted with Park following his presentation.



New to this year's Practice Management Symposium, "Preparing for the Future: Redefining the Medical Practice," attendees had the opportunity to attend a networking session with other attendees as well as Symposium exhibitors and speakers prior to the keynote address. The topics of these sessions included job sharing, patient satisfaction, accountable care organizations, among others.

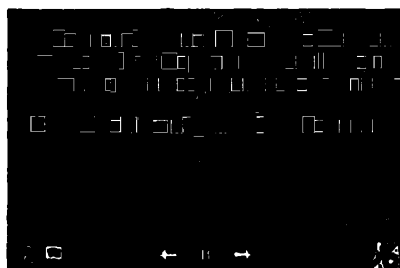
These networking sessions were in addition to the usual breakout sessions aimed at assisting attendees in preparing for the future of health care. Topics included ICD-10, staying in private practice, compliance plans, and more.

Prior to the closing address, the OSMA celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Symposium in the afternoon with a reception for attendees. It concluded with remarks from Director of the Office of Health Transformation, Greg Moody who discussed the future of health care delivery in Ohio. The Symposium ended with a Legislative Update from the OSMA's senior director of Government Relations, Tim Magione.

Also meeting on Friday was the OSMA's Focused Task Force on State Legislation (FTFSL), an advisory board of physicians from various specialties and practice settings. The FTFSL is responsible for reviewing pending legislation in the Ohio General Assembly that impacts physicians and determining the OSMA's stance. Another government relations event took place today with the OSMA Public Action Committee (OSMAPAC) interviewing Ohio Supreme Court candidate Judge Sharon Kennedy.

Friday evening brought the Physician Leadership Reception, which provided members the opportunity to network with their peers who are leaders in their specialty and practice. The Association of Physicians of Indian Origin also held a reception for their members who were in attendance.

A full slideshow of photos from day one of the 2012 OSMA Annual Meeting is below.



Tomorrow begins the second day of the OSMA Annual Meeting, which includes the opening of the 2012 House of Delegates and the inauguration of OSMA president-elect Deepak Kumar, MD. A similar recap will be posted in the evening.

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## 2012 OSMA ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Physicians from across the state gathered in Columbus March 23-25 for the 2012 OSMA Annual Meeting, which included the inauguration of Deepak Kumar, MD, as OSMA president and the election of Neil J. Nesbitt, MD, as OSMA president-elect. The House of Delegates convened on Saturday and Sunday to debate several guidelines that impact the organization and held elections for OSMA Councilors and representatives to the Ohio Delegation of the American Medical Association.

A number of members were recognized for their contributions to the practice of medicine, including Rep. Terry Johnson, DC (R-Parma) who received the *Polio of Medicine Award*; G. Patricia Eckler, MD, who received the *OSMA Physician Advocate of the Year Award*; and Charlotte Agnew, MD and Bradley Bryan, MD, who were recognized as the OSMA Political Action Committee (OSMAPAC) Doctors of the Year. Congratulations to Jeff Butler, MD, and Kerry Light, winners of the OSMA GR code survey, who received \$100 gift cards, sponsored by the OSMA Preferred Provider Program.

The weekend also brought a number of Ohio's political leaders, including Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avesa) and Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel (R-Lyndhurst), both candidates for the U.S. Senate who spoke to members at a luncheon on Saturday. During the House of Delegates, Sen. Rob Portman (R-Cincinnati) also spoke to members to provide an update on the sustainable growth rate (SGR) and other policies that impact physicians. The OSMAPAC conducted interviews for two Supreme Court candidates, Justice Yvette McGee Brown and Judge Sharon Kennedy. The OSMAPAC also held a reception with OSMA-endorsed candidates Justice Robert Cappel and Justice Terrence O'Donnell.

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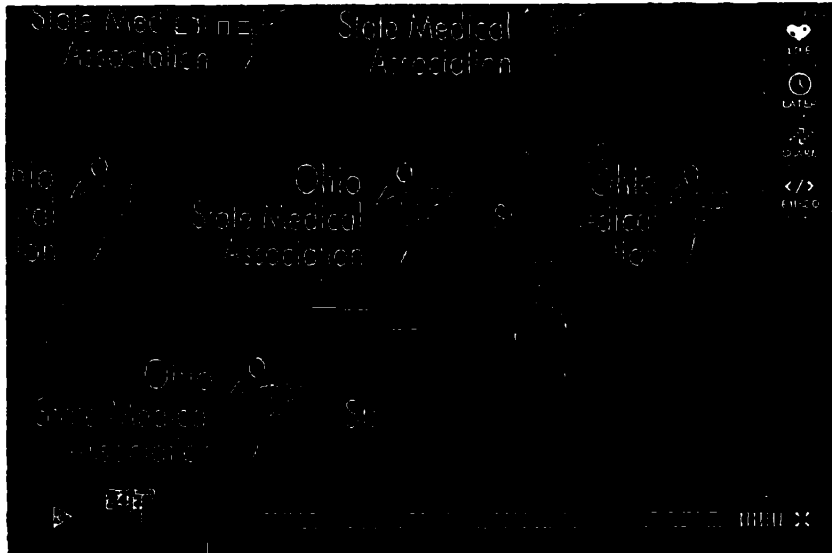
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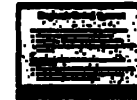
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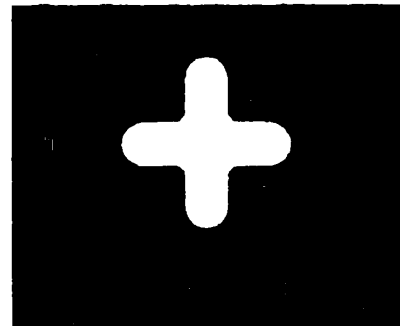
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