

# Election Recap

In the 2012 General Election, voters in Ohio largely favored incumbent office holders at the ballot box. At the top of the ticket, *President Obama* narrowly won Ohio over Mitt Romney and retained the Presidency. The Democrats retained the majority in the U.S. Senate and Republicans will continue to have majority in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Ohio GOP retains the House at 60-39 as well as the Senate which remains at 23-10. Moving forward, this maintains the Republican majority in the Ohio Congressional Delegation, both chambers of the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor's office.

Ohio voters also cast ballots in the Ohio Supreme Court races. Justice **Terrence O'Donnell** was re-elected and Judges William O'Neill and **Sharon Kennedy** were elected to their first term on the Court.

After every 10-year census, the Ohio Legislature is responsible for drawing the state's congressional districts while the Ohio Apportionment Board is in charge of drawing the state's legislative districts. Following the 2010 Census and General Election, the Apportionment Board was comprised of five members: the governor, state auditor, secretary of state, one person chosen by the speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, the leader in the State Senate of the political party of which the speaker is a member, and one person chosen by the legislative leaders of the Democratic party. As the Republicans control all but one seat on the apportionment board, new districts were drawn to favor the Republican Party. However, Issue 2 challenged the current redistricting process and proposed an entirely new process for drawing district lines. Ohio voters overwhelmingly defeated that challenge, so the current redistricting process outlined above remains unchanged.

Leading up to Election Day, the OSMAPAC reviewed 134 state and federal races and made endorsements in 127 of them. The OSMAPAC and the physician community rallied to support several candidates, including those in the Supreme Court races.

Now that the dust has settled, what does the election of these individuals mean for the physicians and patients of Ohio? The following pages contain a recap of the 2012 General Election as well as how the OSMA views these newly elected officials will affect the practice of medicine.

## OHIO SUPREME COURT

Due in part to the efforts of the physician community, OSMAPAC-endorsed candidate Justice **Terrence O'Donnell** was re-elected to the Ohio Supreme Court.

Judge William O'Neill defeated Justice **Robert Cupp** by a 52 to 48 percent margin. Judge **Sharon Kennedy** was elected over Justice Yvette McGee Brown with 57 percent of the vote.

The results of the Supreme Court races definitively impact Ohio physicians. The OSMAPAC endorsed candidates with a philosophy of judicial restraint. Justice

**O'Donnell** and Judge **Kennedy** adhere to that philosophy. With two of the three winning election, the philosophical complexion of the Court may potentially shift, creating less predictability in Ohio's legal climate.

That said, OSMA physicians certainly contributed significant time, support and money to the campaigns of Justices **O'Donnell** and **Cupp** and Judge **Kennedy**. Physicians distributed more than 12,500 mock prescriptions and displayed more than 1,250 posters in their offices and exam rooms in support of the three OSMAPAC-endorsed candidates. OSMA physicians also

hosted fundraisers for Justices **O'Donnell** and **Cupp** and Judge **Kennedy**.

The OSMAPAC would like to thank all of the physician hosts, county medical societies and contributors for their participation in these fundraisers.

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

In Ohio, the race for President was decided by a slim margin, with President *Obama* receiving 50 percent of the vote and defeating Mitt Romney, who received 48 percent. President *Obama* collected over 300 electoral votes with Ohio's 18 votes pushing him over the needed 271. The impact on the health care industry overall and Ohio's physicians, specifically, is notable in that the Affordable Care Act will remain in place. The OSMA will continue to help our members adapt to the changing landscape in medicine and, in particular, the provisions of the ACA.

## U.S. SENATE RACE\*

U.S. Sen. *Sherrod Brown* retained his seat with a victory over current Ohio State Treasurer, Josh Mandel. Sen. *Brown* led in the polls for many weeks and it was of no real surprise to political pundits that he was victorious on election night by a margin of 50 to 45 percent.

In candidate screenings with the OSMAPAC Board, it was evident that the candidates espoused sharply divided philosophical positions on the issue of health care. Most notably, Sen. *Brown* fully supports the ACA, while Mandel would have endorsed its full repeal. From an association standpoint, both candidates garnered a significant swath of physician support. For that reason, the OSMA opted to remain neutral in this race. Sen. *Brown's* record reflects support for Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) patches that prevent physician payment cuts as well as federal funding for children's hospitals to maintain their graduate medical programs.

The OSMA will work closely with Sen. *Brown* in the U.S. Senate to continue advancing the causes of our member physicians.

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Sen. Sherrod Brown

## OHIO'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Republicans will maintain a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives by an approximate margin of 237-198. Though they lost a handful of seats, it was not nearly enough to erode the Republican majority. As such, it is likely that Speaker **John Boehner** will make good on his past assertion that he will work to repeal the ACA.

While the U.S. House may vote for repeal, it is unlikely such a measure could pass the U.S. Senate. Even if Congress passes repeal legislation, there is little chance that the ACA could be repealed outright in the next four years because President *Obama* would surely veto such a bill. The chances that supporters of repeal could mobilize two-thirds of both houses of Congress to override a veto are remote.

*Boehner* has also publicly declared that he supports a permanent Medicare payment fix. Nearly all members of Congress want to find a permanent fix to the SGR. However, there is little interest in adding another \$300 billion

to the national debt, which is the estimated price tag to permanently fix the SGR.

That being said, physicians are facing a more than 30 percent cut in their Medicare reimbursement rates for 2013. These cuts would be detrimental to physicians' practices and the OSMA intends to work to make sure Congress votes to avert these cuts when they return for the lame duck session.

Ohio has 16 Congressional districts. Of these 16 seats, 14 incumbents retained their seats in office. Below is a breakdown of the most competitive races.

### Congressional District 2

**Brad Wenstrup** (R-Cincinnati) is a practicing podiatrist with Wellington Orthopedics in Cincinnati. The OSMA proudly endorsed **Wenstrup** over his opponent William Smith (D-Waverly), and he won by a 59 to 40 percent margin.

**Wenstrup** heads to Congress as a freshman lawmaker well-positioned to represent Ohio physicians and the OSMA looks forward to working closely with him during his time in Washington.

### Congressional District 6

In a rematch of a highly contested race from 2010, incumbent U.S. Rep **Bill Johnson** (R-Marietta) narrowly defeated challenger and former U.S. representative Charlie Wilson (D-St. Clairsville), 53 to 47 percent. **Johnson**, a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel, will begin his second term in Congress.

### Congressional District 16

This race is one of two contests in the nation featuring incumbents from both parties, **Jim Renacci** (R-Wadsworth), a Republican seeking a second term, against *Betty Sutton* (D-Copley), a Democrat seeking her fourth

term. The district's new boundaries favored Mr. Renacci, who won re-election.

**Renacci**, who was endorsed by the OSMA PAC, is the former Mayor of Wadsworth and owned a number of nursing homes. **Renacci** received 52 percent of the vote.

Results from Ohio congressional races:

OH 1	<b>Steve Chabot</b> (R-Cincinnati)
OH 2	<b>Brad Wenstrup</b> (R-Cincinnati)
OH 3	<b>Joyce Beatty</b> (D-Columbus)
OH 4	<b>Jim Jordan</b> (R-Urbana)
OH 5	<b>Bob Latta</b> (R-Bowling Green)
OH 6	<b>Bill Johnson</b> (R-Marietta)
OH 7	<b>Bob Gibbs</b> (R-Lakeville)
OH 8	<b>John Boehner</b> (R-West Chester)
OH 9	<b>Marcy Kaptur</b> (D-Toledo)
OH 10	<b>Michael Turner</b> (R-Dayton)
OH 11	<b>Marcia Fudge</b> (D-Shaker Heights)
OH 12	<b>Pat Tiberi</b> (R-Columbus)
OH 13	Tim Ryan (D-Niles)**
OH 14	David Joyce (R-Russell Township)
OH 15	<b>Steve Stivers</b> (R-Columbus)
OH 16	<b>Jim Renacci</b> (R-Wadsworth)



Ohio Congressman John Boehner (R-West Chester) is expected to retain his role as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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## OHIO SENATE

The Republicans maintained their significant 23-10 majority in the Ohio Senate, winning 15 of 18 races.

### SD 2

State Rep. **Randy Gardner** (R-Bowling Green) won a seat in the upper chamber, defeating challenger Jeff Bretz (D-North Baltimore) by 59 to 41 percent. OSMAPAC endorsed Rep. Gardner, who was an ally of the OSMA during his time on the Health and Human Services Subcommittee in the Ohio House.

### SD 8

Incumbent State Sen. **Bill Seitz** (R-Cincinnati) defeated Richard Luken (D-Cincinnati) by a margin of 62 to 38 percent.

### SD 26

Incumbent State Sen. **David Burke** (R-Marysville) defeated opponent Tanyce Addison (D-LaRue) 61 to 39 percent. Sen. Burke is a licensed pharmacist and has been a key ally of the OSMA during his time in the General Assembly. He was a co-sponsor on H.B. 93, a substantial piece of legislation that addresses the prescription pain pill epidemic in Ohio.

### SD 30

Incumbent State Sen. **Lou Gentile** (D-Steubenville) nudged opponent Shane Thompson 53 to 47 percent in by far the most closely contested race in the Ohio State Senate. The OSMA endorsed Sen. **Gentile**.

The winners of the remaining races are listed below.

SD 1	<b>Sen. Cliff Hite</b> (R-Findlay)
SD 4	<b>Sen. Bill Coley</b> (R-Middletown)
SD 6	<b>Sen. Peggy Lehner</b> (Kettering)
SD 10	<b>Sen. Chris Widener</b> (R-Springfield)
SD 12	<b>Sen. Keith Faber</b> (R-Celina)
SD 14	<b>Sen. Joe Uecker</b> (R-Loveland)

SD 16	<b>Sen. Jim Hughes</b> (R-Columbus)
SD 17	<b>Sen. Bob Peterson</b> (R-Sabina)
SD 18	<b>Sen. John Eklund</b> (R-Chardon)
SD 20	<b>Sen. Troy Balderson</b> (R-Zanesville)
SD 22	<b>Sen. Larry Obhof</b> (R-Medina)
SD 24	<b>Sen. Tom Patton</b> (R-Strongsville)
SD 28	<b>Sen. Tom Sawyer</b> (D-Akron)
SD 32	<b>Sen. Capri Cafaro</b> (D-Hubbard)

## OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

In 2010, longtime OSMA member Rep. **Terry Johnson, DO** (R-McDermott) became the first physician elected to the Ohio General Assembly in 62 years. During his first term in the House of Representatives, Rep. **Johnson** spearheaded the fight against prescription drug abuse in Ohio by co-sponsoring House Bill 93. This legislation has helped crack down on pill mills and rogue prescribers in the state. As the only physician in the state legislature, he understands the complexities of our health care delivery system from the perspective of a practicing physician.

**Dr. Johnson** won re-election to his seat in the 90th House District by edging challenger John Haas (D-Portsmouth) by 62 to 36 percent.



Rep. Terry Johnson, DO

Of the 99 seats in the Ohio House of Representatives, 10 of these were identified as highly competitive. Below is a breakdown of these races.

### HD 3

Former Wood County Commissioner, **Tim Brown** (R-Bowling Green) defeated opponent Kelly Wicks (D-Bowling Green). **Brown** received 52 percent of the vote.

### HD 5

Incumbent **Rep. Craig Newbold** (R-Columbiana) lost his seat in a district that is almost evenly split between Republicans and Democrats. **Newbold** was defeated by Nick Barborak (D-Lisbon), by 383 votes, but the outcome could be subject to a recount. **Newbold** was the OSMAPAC's endorsed candidate.

### HD 15

In a traditionally Democratic leaning district, newcomer **Nicholas Celebrezze** (D-Parma) beat challenger Patricia Gascoyne (R-Cleveland) by taking 63 percent of the vote. **Celebrezze** is a former city councilman and takes the seat formerly held by the current Mayor of Parma, Tim DeGeeter. The OSMAPAC endorsed **Celebrezze**.

### HD 20\*

The OSMAPAC remained neutral in 20th district House race. Newcomer Heather Bishoff (D-Blacklick) defeated fellow newcomer Nathan Burd (R-Reynoldsburg) by 58 to 41 percent.

### HD 24

The OSMAPAC-endorsed Hilliard City Councilwoman **Stephanie Kunze** (R-Hilliard) defeated challenger and Upper Arlington teacher Maureen Reedy (D-Columbus). Kunze took 52 percent of the vote.

### HD 28

OSMAPAC-endorsed incumbent **Connie Pillich** (D-Cincinnati) defeated challenger

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Mike Wilson (R-Cincinnati), winning 52 percent of the vote to Wilson's 44 percent. This is **Pillich's** second election win in a district that traditionally trends Republican.

## HD 36

The 36th House District generally trends politically neutral, making any race competitive. **Anthony DeVitis** (R-Uniontown) defeated fellow newcomer Paul Colavecchio (D-Cuyahoga Falls) with 53 percent of the vote. DeVitis is a business owner and was the OSMAPAC-endorsed candidate.

## HD 60\*\*

John Rogers (D-Mentor-on-the-Lake) defeated challenger Lori DiNallo (R-Painesville). OSMAPAC did not issue an

endorsement. Rogers received 55 percent of the vote to DiNallo's 45 percent.

## HD 79

Incumbent **Rep. Ross McGregor** (R-Springfield) defeated David Farrell (D-Springfield) by a 56 to 44 percent margin. The OSMAPAC endorsed **McGregor**, who has consistently won elections in a highly competitive district.

## HD 95

Incumbent **Rep. Andy Thompson** (R-Marietta) held on to his seat by defeating Charlie Daniels (D-St. Clairsville). **Thompson** was the OSMAPAC's endorsed candidate and received 53 percent of the vote. 🗳️



Speaker William Batchelder provides remarks to a group of physicians at an OSMAPAC fundraiser.

*The following races were classified as less competitive. The winner of each race is listed below.*

HD 1 - <b>Rep. Ron Amstutz</b> (R-Wooster)	HD 38 - <b>Rep. Marilyn Slaby</b> (R-Akron)	HD 69 - <b>Rep. Bill Batchelder</b> (R-Medina)
HD 2 - <b>Rep. Mark Romanchuk</b> (R-Mansfield)	HD 39 - <b>Rep. Fred Strahorn</b> (D-Dayton)	HD 70 - <b>Rep. David Hall</b> (R-Millersburg)
HD 4 - <b>Rep. Matt Huffman</b> (R-Lima)	HD 40 - <b>Rep. Michael Henne</b> (R-Clayton)	HD 71 - <b>Rep. Jay Hottinger</b> (R-Newark)
HD 6 - <b>Rep. Marlene Anielski</b> (R-Walton Hills)	HD 41 - <b>Rep. James Butler, Jr.</b> (R-Dayton)	HD 72 - <b>Rep. William Hayes</b> (R-Granville)
HD 7 - <b>Rep. Mike Dovilla</b> (R-Berea)	HD 42 - <b>Rep. Terry Blair</b> (R-Dayton)	HD 73 - <b>Rep. Richard Perales</b> (R-Beavercreek)
HD 8 - <b>Rep. Armond Budish</b> (D-Beachwood)	HD 43 - <b>Rep. Roland Winburn</b> (D-Dayton)	HD 74 - <b>Rep. Robert Hackett</b> (R-London)
HD 9 - <b>Rep. Barbara Boyd</b> (D-Cleveland)	HD 44 - <b>Rep. Michael Ashford</b> (D-Toledo)	HD 75 - <b>Rep. Kathleen Clyde</b> (D-Kent)
HD 10 - Rep. Bill Patmon (D-Cleveland)**	HD 45 - <b>Rep. Teresa Fedor</b> (D-Toledo)	HD 76 - <b>Rep. Matthew Lynch</b> (R-Chagrin Falls)
HD 11 - Rep. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland)	HD 46 - <b>Rep. Matt Szollosi</b> (D-Oregon)	HD 77 - <b>Rep. Gerald Stebelton</b> (R-Lancaster)
HD 12 - <b>Rep. John Barnes, Jr.</b> (D-Cleveland)	HD 47 - <b>Sen. Barbara Sears</b> (D-Maumee)	HD 78 - Rep. Ron Hood (R-Ashville)*
HD 13 - <b>Rep. Nickie Antonio</b> (D-Lakewood)	HD 48 - <b>Rep. J. Kirk Schuring</b> (R-Canton)	HD 80 - <b>Rep. Richard Adams</b> (R-Troy)
HD 14 - <b>Rep. Mike Foley</b> (D-Cleveland)	HD 49 - <b>Rep. Stephen Slesnick</b> (D-Canton)	HD 81 - <b>Rep. Lynn Wachtmann</b> (R-Napoleon)
HD 16 - <b>Rep. Nan Baker</b> (R-Westlake)	HD 50 - <b>Rep. Christina Hagan</b> (R-Marlboro Township)	HD 82 - <b>Rep. Anthony Burkley</b> (R-Payne)
HD 17 - <b>Rep. Michael Curtin</b> (D-Columbus)	HD 51 - <b>Rep. Wes Retherford</b> (R-Hamilton)	HD 83 - <b>Rep. Robert Sprague</b> (R-Findlay)
HD 18 - <b>Rep. Michael Stinziano</b> (D-Columbus)	HD 52 - <b>Rep. Margaret Conditt, Ph.D.</b> (R-Hamilton)	HD 84 - <b>Rep. James Buchy</b> (R-Greenville)
HD 19 - <b>Rep. Anne Gonzales</b> (R-Westerville)	HD 53 - <b>Rep. Tim Derickson</b> (R-Oxford)	HD 85 - <b>Rep. John Adams</b> (R-Sidney)
HD 21 - <b>Rep. Mike Duffey</b> (R-Worthington)	HD 54 - <b>Rep. Peter Beck</b> (R-Mason)	HD 86 - <b>Rep. Dorothy Liggett Pelanda</b> (R-Marysville)
HD 22 - <b>Rep. John Patrick Carney</b> (D-Columbus)	HD 55 - <b>Rep. Matthew Lundy</b> (D-Elyria)	HD 87 - <b>Rep. Jeffrey McClain</b> (R-Upper Sandusky)
HD 23 - <b>Rep. Cheryl Grossman</b> (R-Grove City)	HD 56 - <b>Rep. Dan Ramos</b> (D-Lorain)	HD 88 - <b>Rep. Rex Damschroder</b> (R-Fremont)
HD 25 - <b>Rep. Kevin Boyce</b> (D-Columbus)	HD 57 - <b>Rep. Terry Boose</b> (R-Norwalk)	HD 89 - <b>Rep. Chris Redfern</b> (D-Port Clinton)
HD 26 - <b>Rep. Tracy Maxwell Heard</b> (D-Columbus)	HD 58 - <b>Rep. Robert Hagan</b> (R-Youngstown)**	HD 91 - <b>Rep. Cliff Rosenberger</b> (R-Clarksville)
HD 27 - <b>Rep. Peter Stautberg</b> (R-Cincinnati)	HD 59 - <b>Rep. Ron Gerberry</b> (D-Austintown)	HD 92 - <b>Rep. Gary Scherer</b> (R-Circleville)
HD 29 - <b>Rep. Louis Blessing III</b> (R-Cincinnati)	HD 61 - <b>Rep. Ron Young</b> (R-Mentor)	HD 93 - <b>Rep. Ryan Smith</b> (R-Gallipolis)
HD 30 - <b>Rep. Louis Terhar</b> (R-Cincinnati)	HD 62 - <b>Rep. Ronald Maag</b> (R-Lebanon)	HD 94 - <b>Rep. Debbie Phillips</b> (D-Athens)
HD 31 - <b>Rep. Denise Driehaus</b> (D-Cincinnati)	HD 63 - <b>Rep. Sean O'Brien</b> (D-Brookfield)	HD 96 - <b>Rep. Jack Cera</b> (D-Bellaire)
HD 32 - <b>Rep. Dale Mallory</b> (D-Cincinnati)	HD 64 - <b>Rep. Tom Letson</b> (D-Warren)	HD 97 - <b>Rep. Brian Hill</b> (R-Zanesville)
HD 33 - <b>Rep. Alicia Reece</b> (D-Cincinnati)**	HD 65 - <b>Rep. John Becker</b> (R-Cincinnati)	HD 98 - <b>Rep. Allen Landis</b> (R-Dover)
HD 34 - <b>Rep. Vernon Sykes</b> (D-Akron)	HD 66 - <b>Rep. Douglas Green</b> (R-Mount Orab)	HD 99 - <b>Rep. John Patterson</b> (D-Jefferson)
HD 35 - Rep. Zack Milkovich (D-Akron)**	HD 67 - <b>Rep. Andrew Brenner</b> (R-Powell)	
HD 37 - <b>Rep. Kristina Daley Roegner</b> (R-Hudson)	HD 68 - <b>Rep. Margaret Ann Ruhl</b> (R-Mount Vernon)	