

FMC's 2023 - In Review



U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress
& The Congressional Study Groups

A Word From FMC's CEO:

On behalf of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC), thank you so much for being part of our journey and a reason for our continued success. Founded in 1970, FMC was first envisioned as an alumni group for retired U.S. Representatives and Senators. While we continue to embrace our mandate as a very special and bipartisan membership organization, we have in the past 50+ years created impactful and unparalleled programs to deliver on our evolved mission: advocating for democracy at home and abroad, encouraging citizen participation, and strengthening Congress - all accomplished thanks to Republicans and Democrats working together.

In 2023, that mission was accomplished through over 120 programs – some as brief as a one-hour-long webinar on a possible government shutdown, and others as involved as a 10-day Former Member Delegation to Argentina. Over the past twelve months, we have brought Congress to Campus to over 50 universities, community colleges, and high schools, mostly in the United States, but also abroad in countries such as Germany, the United Kingdom, and Argentina. The vast majority of these visits were in-person events, but we embraced the lessons we learned during COVID and made virtual visits available to schools that otherwise could not have participated. Congress to Campus reached almost 5,000 students and was made possible by nearly 80 Former Members who donated their time and insight pro bono. We are also proud to say we have more than doubled the number of participating Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) compared to last year.

In addition, our Congressional Study Groups on Europe, Germany, Japan, and Korea hosted over 40 meetings, panels, and trips in 2023. We organized several bipartisan Former Member Delegations (ExDELS), including two to South Korea. And we brought our membership's unique insight to bear via almost 20 issue-specific public panel discussions. We also continued to serve our alumni group purpose via over a dozen events bringing Former Members together, such as our June annual meeting – which was greatly enriched by a visiting group of Former Parliamentarians from Ireland. Most recently, we brought over four dozen political institutes from across the country together for a three-day conference in Washington, DC on election integrity in the United States.

First and foremost, we need to thank our sponsors and partners for another remarkably successful year! And it goes without saying that none of the above would have been accomplished without an outstanding team of twelve highly capable and highly productive professionals here at 1401 K Street. Our FMC staff has been guided and inspired throughout 2023 by an incredibly supportive board of directors, led so ably by FMC's Executive Committee: L.F. Payne (D-VA), Barbara Comstock (R-VA), Donna Edwards (D-MD), Dennis Ross (R-FL), and Charles Boustany (R-LA). I want to especially highlight and thank L.F. Payne for his sage leadership and unwavering commitment of time, energy and insight as FMC's President, all of which made our very active and successful 2023 possible.

I thank you again for your continued support of FMC and our mission, and I look forward to working with all of you in 2024.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Peter M. Weichlein'.

Peter M. Weichlein, Esq.
FMC CEO

A Look into the Past Year in Photos



Conference on Election Integrity
November



Statesmanship Awards
May



Congress to Campus to
Hobart & William
October



Distinguished Service Award
to the People of Ukraine
June



Memorial Service
September



Statesmanship Awards - May



ExDEL to South Korea
June



Chief of Staff Trip to Japan
May



Study Tour to Argentina
October



CSGJ Trip to Japan
February



Congress to Campus to
Bluefield and Indiana State
October



Congress to Campus to Naval Academy
November



ExDEL to South Korea - June



Past and Present FMC Staff at Statesmanship Awards
May



District Director Germany Trip
March



Asian Leadership Conference
May



Annual Meeting
June



CSGJ Trip to Japan
February

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