

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Q & A

What is a PAC?

At its heart, a PAC is a vehicle to assist politicians finance their campaigns. A multi-candidate PAC can make contributions of up to \$5000 for a primary election and another \$5000 in a general election to a candidate. If adequate funds were available, a single PAC could contribute to a large number of candidates in Congressional races all over the country. With a NASCOE PAC, only members can contribute. This is set in law and enforced by the Federal Election Commission, which oversees all PAC's. NASCOE dues cannot be used to fund contributions for the PAC but can be used to pay administrative costs of the PAC. Administrative costs would include banking costs (accounts, checks, etc.), salary, fundraising, and mailing letters to members asking for contributions.

Why is the PAC necessary?

The formation of the PAC was a strategic move for NASCOE. We want to be sure that we have a say in how policy is shaped. The PAC is one of the most appropriate and effective ways of ensuring that legislators who have been supportive of critical legislation are elected and remain in office.

What exactly is the NASCOE PAC?

The NASCOE PAC is a voluntary, non-profit political action committee that was established to extend financial support to federal candidates who agree with our position. THE NASCOE PAC OPERATES INDEPENDENTLY OF ANY POLITICAL PARTY.

Why do I need to get involved in political action?

Because we all benefit from legislative and political action successes. Therefore, it's important that we all contribute in some way.

Who can contribute and how much?

Only dues paying members of NASCOE can contribute to the PAC. It appears that retired and associate members cannot contribute to the PAC. Contributions