

**Political Action Committee**



## **American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Political Action Committee**

- The purpose of the PAC committee is to provide an opportunity for persons interested in the welfare and future of nurse practitioners to contribute to the support of candidates for national office who believe and have demonstrated their beliefs in the purposes, principles and missions of our organization.
- While organizations such as the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners are prohibited from making contributions or expenditures in connection with federal elections, such organizations are permitted to set up Political Action Committees, which may make contributions to and expenditures on behalf of federal candidates and other committees. Money contributed to a PAC is placed in a separate bank account from the general organization treasury.
- Political Action contributions enable more direct contact with legislators in Congress by making it possible for us to participate and join other health care groups in sponsoring activities such as breakfasts, lunches and receptions where part of the money is directed toward targeted campaigns. Activities for which PAC money can be used include giving donations to political candidates, attending health care retreats of political parties, participating in political fundraising, and targeting votes in Congress through media advertising. These are all activities that cannot be conducted with organizational membership dues.
- The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners PAC funds are distributed by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Bylaws of the PAC require regional representation from across the United States. Decisions to support or oppose a candidate for election are not based on political party affiliation, but rather on support for the Academy legislative agenda, likelihood of electoral success and the recommendations of the committee.
- The PAC is registered with the Federal Election Commission and must follow the rules of that commission when accepting and distributing donations to the PAC.
- Only individual members of the Academy may contribute to the PAC. Incorporated organizations and other corporations may not make contributions. When making solicitations PACs must make best efforts to obtain and report the name, address, occupation and employer of each contributor who gives more than \$200 in a calendar year.
- Contributions to a PAC are not tax deductible. The money of the PAC will be used to support federal candidates for federal office who support nurse practitioners.

**MAKE YOUR VOICE  
BE HEARD**

Make your contributions payable to the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners PAC. Place it in the PAC envelope provided for you and take it to the PAC booth while you are at the meeting.

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