



# ASPPA PAC Q&A

“The ASPPA Political Action Committee allows our diverse group of almost 7,000 Professional Members to aggregate contributions and voice concise concerns to key federal lawmakers. It is these efforts that aid in the preservation, and will continue to strengthen, the employer based retirement savings system, which is important to practitioners, our clients and their employees. ASPPA PAC is in reality your voice on Capitol Hill, and it completely depends on your generosity and continual support.”

*Yannis Koumantaros, QPA, QKA*

“ASPPA PAC is integral to ASPPA's mission to protect and strengthen the employer-based retirement system. Support for the PAC is a privilege as well as a responsibility. It harnesses each of our individual voices into a cohesive – and influential – whole. Please join me in contributing, as generously as you can, to this critical weapon in ASPPA GAC's arsenal for use in battling against those who want to undermine the employer-based retirement planning system. The future of retirement savings for America's workers depends on it!”

*Sal Tripodi, Esq., APM, Past President of ASPPA*

## What is ASPPA PAC?

Political Action Committees are a means to recognize that America is a nation of interests where groups of citizens have a desire and constitutional right to participate in the election/campaign process. PACs channel this involvement in a fully disclosed and financially limited manner. PACs are “hard” money operations, highly regulated and engaged in a very public process. ASPPA members contribute to the PAC; the PAC in turn makes campaign contributions to candidates for federal office who demonstrate interest in and support for the employer-sponsored retirement system. ASPPA PAC is the way ASPPA pools its members' financial resources to collectively participate as ASPPA's voice in the election/campaign process.

## Why does ASPPA need a PAC?

ASPPA PAC strengthens ASPPA's voice. By law, only ASPPA PAC, and not ASPPA, can make political contributions to candidates. Political contributions merely open the door so ASPPA can be heard. ASPPA's ideas and philosophies are good. Making sure these ideas and philosophies get a fair and adequate hearing is why ASPPA PAC is here. ASPPA members who choose to become members of ASPPA PAC through contributing to the PAC help ASPPA make sure that Congress understands what is needed to protect Americans' retirement security.

## Who can join ASPPA PAC?

Only ASPPA members (credentialed and non-credentialed), their spouses and ASPPA employees may join and contribute to ASPPA PAC.

Why should I join ASPPA PAC?

In its short history, ASPPA PAC has strengthened the ASPPA GAC program, which has had a substantial impact on ASPPA members' clients and practices. For example, ASPPA, supported by ASPPA PAC, played a significant role in the successful effort to enact the Pension Protection Act in 2006 and the Worker, Retiree and Employer Recovery Act in 2008. And today, ASPPA PAC helps ASPPA in our current efforts in the debate over 401(k) plan fee disclosure, independent investment advice and fiduciary issues, attacks on cross-testing and automatic IRA legislation. With your support, ASPPA PAC can continue to support ASPPA in these critical efforts.

Who gets ASPPA PAC money?

ASPPA PAC contributes to the campaigns of both Democrat and Republican candidates for federal elective office who demonstrate interest in and support for the employer-sponsored retirement system.

How much should I give?

ASPPA PAC needs you to contribute at the level that feels best to you. Please consider qualifying for one of the following contributor levels with your contribution or pledge.

- Presidents Club \$5,000
- Executives Club \$2,500
- Founder Club \$1,000
- Leaders Circle \$ 500

Not every member can make this commitment, but any and all contributions are enormously appreciated and do make a difference. Numbers of contributors are just as important as dollars of contributions. If you can give just \$50, or even as little as \$10 every year, that would be an enormous help to ASPPA PAC's efforts to help ASPPA protect the private pension system.

For all your questions

Contact Jennifer Perkins, Director of Congressional Affairs, at 703.516.9300 or [jperkins@asppa.org](mailto:jperkins@asppa.org).

ASPPA PAC contributions, disbursements, and expenditures must be reported to the Federal Election Commission. In addition, ASPPA PAC must report to the FEC the name, address, company title and contribution amount from persons contributing over \$200 in a year. Contributions to ASPPA PAC are strictly voluntary and are not tax deductible.



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**Enroll me as part of the ASPPA PAC team!**

<b>SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION LEVELS</b> (contributions and pledges to contribute)			
<b>Presidents Club</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>Founders Club</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Executives Club</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>Leaders Circle</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>

**Amount of Contribution \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Personal check (payable to ASPPA PAC)    Visa    Mastercard    Amex   Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pledge:**  I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in \_\_\_\_\_ (designated year).

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

May we publish your name?    yes    no