What is a PAC?

A political action committee (PAC) is a voluntary, non-profit, unincorporated association. Its purpose is to support candidates for elected office who understand and are concerned about the PAC participants’ issues. This support is gathered through voluntary contributions received from individuals during an annual fund-raising campaign.

What is IHAPAC?

IHAPAC, the Idaho Hospital Association Political Action Committee, formed in 1976, is a joint PAC with AHA (American Hospital Association). As such, 20% of contributions under $250 and 50% of donations at or above that amount go to AHAPAC; the balance is retained by IHA’s PAC. AHAPAC supports only candidates for federal office – more specifically, candidates for Congress. Our state PAC supports only candidates for state office, such as legislators.

The Idaho Hospital Association PAC is an independent organization not affiliated with any political party, an autonomous organization directed by the people who serve Idaho hospitals: administrators, trustees, auxiliaries and volunteers. It complies with all state laws governing political action committees, translating political action into its fundamental components: education, endorsement, and financial support.

Reasons to Join the PAC

♦ It is an effective way for you to become involved in grassroots political activities.
♦ Your contribution to IHAPAC will enable you to support candidates who share your views on healthcare issues and provide combined contributions larger than those given as individuals.
♦ Your contribution to IHAPAC demonstrates to candidates that the hospital community is a unified political force – committed to quality healthcare – and an active participant in the political process.

Who Can Join?

Personal membership is open to all hospital executives, medical staff, trustees, employees and volunteers from not-for-profit, governmental and investor-owned hospitals.

Law prohibits not-for-profit hospitals and governmental hospitals from institutional membership in political action committees, but their employees may join PACs as personal members. IHAPAC institutional membership is open to all investor-owned hospitals.

Contributions or gifts to the IHAPAC and/or AHAPAC are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of each individual whose contributions exceed $200 in a calendar year. State law requires the same for contributions of $50 or more.

How Are Funds Distributed?

The IHAPAC Advisory Board is responsible for distribution of PAC funds. IHAPAC supports candidates on a non-partisan basis. Selection is by a careful evaluation of each candidate’s qualifications for office, electability, issue philosophy, voting record, leadership roles, recommendations from the local hospital community, and need of financial assistance. Funds are distributed to improve access and to build relationships with key legislators. A contribution from a PAC does not – nor is it expected to – guarantee favorable votes.

IHAPAC is all of us helping each of us. Hospitals need your involvement in the political process.
Why Should ‘Hospital People’ Be Involved in Politics?

♦ As citizens of the United States, every one of us has not only the right, but the responsibility to take part in our government.
♦ As concerned healthcare professionals, we need to help elect legislators who share the goals of our Idaho hospital community in providing quality accessible healthcare.
♦ As Idahoans, it must be a priority for each of us to work toward promoting efficient and responsive state and local government.

Contribution Levels

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2007 IHAPAC Contribution

Name: ________________________________  Job Title: ________________________________
Hospital Affiliation: ________________________________
Home Address: ________________________________  City/State/Zip: ________________________________
E-Mail: ________________________________

My contribution to the IHAPAC/AHAPAC of $_________________ is enclosed.

Payment*:  
- Personal Check
- Personal Credit Card  Credit Card #: ________________________________  Exp: __________________
- Corporate Check or Credit Card  *  Signature: ________________________________

Direct inquiries to Toni Lawson at 208.338.5100 x 207
Mail to:  IHAPAC, P.O. Box 1278
          Boise, ID 83701-1278

*Checks or credit cards not allowed from nonprofit hospitals.

The Race is On! IHA PAC Challenge 2007

Timeframe

We ask you send donations by October 1. Each of IHA’s three Regional Councils (North, Southwest and Southeast) will vie for IHAPAC's two traveling trophies and an individual hospital trophy. Winners will be announced at IHA's Annual Convention, October 6-9th. Trophies, special recognition, and bragging rights go to the:

♦ Council with the highest percentage of hospitals meeting or exceeding their goal. The Southeast Idaho Leadership Council is the defending champion!
♦ Council that raises the highest percentage of its total dollar goal. The Northern Leadership Council claimed this trophy for 2006.
♦ Individual hospital exceeding its goal by the greatest percentage. 2006 recipient was Boundary Community Hospital with 300%!
♦ As an added incentive…Tables will be reserved at the Chairman’s Celebration dinner for hospitals meeting their goal.

Conference Challenge Goals

♦ Hospitals up to 100 beds - $500
♦ Hospitals over 100 beds - $1,000
♦ IHA Staff - $1,000

Recognition for Individual Donors

♦ Benjamin Franklin, Chairman’s Circle, and Capitol Club members are invited to the IHA Board Dinner.
♦ Ribbons corresponding to donor level are attached to name badges at IHA conferences and the annual convention.
♦ Printed handout materials list top donors.
♦ Weekly Bulletin notices reflect Ben Franklin, Chairman’s Circle and Capitol Club donors as well as conference and hospital contribution status.
2006 Ben Franklin Club

Doug Crabtree, Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center

2006 Chairman’s Circle

Victoria Alexander, Steele Memorial Hospital
Bingham Memorial Hospital Employees’ Fund
Sandra Bruce, Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center
Ed Dahlberg, St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center
Geri Garten, Boundary Community Hospital
Ken Harman, Cassia Regional Medical Center
Craig Johnson, Boundary Community Hospital
Jeff Martin, Gritman Medical Center
Gail May, St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center
Joe Messmer, Mercy Medical Center
Steve Millard, Idaho Hospital Association
Kathy Moore, West Valley Medical Center
Joe Morris, Kootenai Medical Center
Neil Moss, Idaho Health Facilities Authority
Sheryl Rickard, Bonner General Hospital

2006 Capitol Club

Mike Andrus, Franklin County Medical Center
Jerry Brantz, Shoshone Medical Center
Joe Caroselli, Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital
Franklin County Hospital Employee Council
Gary Fletcher, St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center
Carl Hanson, Minidoka Memorial Hospital
Patrick Hermanson, Portneuf Medical Center
Rodney Jacobson, Bear Lake Memorial Hospital
Bruce Jensen, St. Luke’s Wood River Medical Center
Susan Kuntz, Teton Valley Hospital & SurgiCenter
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