



# NASCOE PAC

## CRITICAL TO NASCOE'S FUTURE

### **Why does NASCOE Need a Political Action Committee (PAC)?**

NASCOE members need to be engaged in the legislative process. Political Action Committees are an integral part of the legislative process. Your voluntary contribution to the NASCOE PAC strengthens our ability to participate in the legislative process. We realize that many NASCOE members cannot take the time to come to Washington, D.C. for our Capitol Hill fly-ins. Contributions to the PAC are another way for all of our members to be legislatively involved from home.

Do you have Insurance on your Home? Do you have Insurance on your Car? Do you have Insurance on your JOB? An investment in the PAC enhances NASCOE's efforts in Washington, D.C. The most successful and influential agricultural organizations have PAC's.

### **Why is NASCOE PAC Important to NASCOE Members?**

NASCOE PAC, the only PAC representing FSA County Employees, provides a mechanism for NASCOE members to join together and make significant contributions to the electoral process.

NASCOE PAC broadens access to members of Congress in order for NASCOE members to take their message to Capitol Hill.

NASCOE PAC works to assure NASCOE friends are re-elected to the Congress.

Issues important to NASCOE members, i.e. office closures, staffing, technology, staff benefits, and workload, are frequently debated in the legislative process.

A strong governmental affairs program requires grassroots action; Washington representation and a Political Action Committee.

### **HOW IS NASCOE'S PAC FUNDED?**

NASCOE formed its PAC in 2005. It has grown from \$1,200 in contributions in 2005 to just over \$55,000 in 2012! At the end of 2012, we had 581 NASCOE members contributing to the PAC! NASCOE encourages members to contribute through a payroll deduction. Members' average contributions are \$3 per pay period. If you are not contributing, we need you! The PAC enrollment form can be found on NASCOE's website at: <http://www.nascoe.org/Documents/Leg>

## Who decides how to spend the NASCOE PAC funds?

The Legislative Consultant makes recommendations to the President, Vice President and the Legislative Chairperson who make the final decision as to contributions.

## Who receives the NASCOE contributions?

On the national level, we make our contributions to members of Congress who share a similar philosophy with NASCOE's goals. We look to build the future by putting NASCOE PAC dollars in places that will help advance the interests of our employees. Think of your PAC contribution as an investment in your future. The final decision of who receives PAC funds is always based on the NASCOE's "big picture" benefits to our members and is never based solely on the recipient's party affiliation.

To view who has received contributions from the NASCOE PAC, you can go to:

<http://www.opensecrets.org/pacs/lookup2.php?strID=C00413567>

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**Q:** If I contribute to NASCOE PAC, am I supporting members who may not represent my personal views on other issues, not related to NASCOE?

**A:** *While NASCOE cannot claim that every member that receives PAC funding supports the same views as our PAC contributors, NASCOE will make certain that any member receiving NASCOE PAC funds represents the best of interest of our employee group as a whole.*

**Q:** Instead of asking for PAC contributions from members, why doesn't NASCOE just use dues for PAC Purposes?

**A:** *Federal Law prohibits NASCOE from using dues funds for political purposes. So, NASCOE must rely on voluntary contributions from the members.*

**Q:** Will my NASCOE PAC individual contributions be made public?

**A:** *The NASCOE PAC complies with all federal reporting requirements. The NASCOE PAC contributes as a committee; not as individuals.*

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[http://www.nascoe.org/Documents/Leg\\_PAC%20Donor%20Form\\_Nov%202012.pdf](http://www.nascoe.org/Documents/Leg_PAC%20Donor%20Form_Nov%202012.pdf)

**We need you ! Please complete your PAC Enrollment Form Today.**