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# What is the ASA PAC?

The ASA PAC is a political action committee formed by the American Supply Association. The mission of the ASA PAC is to provide campaign contributions to congressional candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate who are in a position to effectively champion the PHCP-PVP industry.

# Why ASA PAC?

ASA Advocacy is the voice of the PHCP-PVF industry, and ASA PAC is an integral component of the association's advocacy program — crucial to the success of ASA's legislative and regulatory agenda in our nation's capital.







If you would like more information on ASA PAC or would like to donate, please go to asa.net/PAC or call (630) 467-0000.



# Why do we need a PAC?

- The Federal Election Campaign Act prohibits corporations, associations and unions from using general treasury funds to make contributions to federal candidates.
- · However, it allows organizations, including trade associations, to set up political committees to contribute to federal candidates and committees.
- By contributing to ASA PAC (and thus pooling financial) contributions from many to create a PAC fund), we can play a role in electing federal legislators who are willing to commit their full support to our industry.

# How does the ASA PAC raise funds?

- ASA PAC solicits personal contributions from the management of ASA members to support congressional candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate who share common ideals and goals with the association.
- However, under FEC law the PAC can only accept personal contributions for funds intended for distribution to federal candidates.
- It is for this reason that when contributions are made to the ASA PAC, they must be through an individual member's personal credit card or check – not a company credit card or check.
- Corporate funds, also known as soft dollars, can be accepted, but can only be used for administrative purposes and cannot go towards campaign contributions.
- The ASA PAC welcomes corporate donations from ASA member companies since the funds received help to cover administrative costs associated with running a PAC.





# What is a Prior Approval form and why do you have to sign it?

- The FEC requires any trade association to get a Prior Approval before we can solicit.
- It is a written request to a corporate member for permission to solicit its restricted class.
- It must inform the member corporation that approval is necessary before a PAC may begin soliciting; and the corporation may not approve solicitations by another trade association for the same calendar year.
- ASA contacts all of its members on a routine basis asking for a signed Prior Approval form.
- An authorized representative from the company can sign the form to cover from 1 year up to 5 years.
- Signing the form DOES NOT represent a commitment to contribute, it only represents the authorization for ASA PAC staff to solicit contributions.

# Who oversees the ASA PAC?

- The ASA PAC is under the authority of the ASA Political Action Task Group (PATG) comprised of ASA members.
- The ASA PAC functionally reports to the ASA Advocacy Strategic Council and ultimately to the ASA Board of Directors.
- The ASA PAC works under a strict set of operating procedures written in a manner to ensure compliance with all FEC requirements while also ensuring that action taken by the ASA PAC are representative of the ASA membership.

My signature below represents my prior approval cons 2024 and/or subsequent years. To my knowledge, my any other trade association with authorization to solicit.

Solicitation

**PAC Authorization for** 

ASA

2027 - Your Signature

2028 - Your Signature

RETURN TO:

to each year and submit this form.

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