

MEMORANDUM

To: Interested Parties
From: Association of Physicians of Indian Origin Political Action Committee (API-PAC)
Date: August 15, 2010
Subject: The Foundation of our new Political Action Committee

- 20 Indian American physicians will give the maximum annual contribution allowed to political action committees under federal law this year, which is \$5,000, and every **two years** can maintain their status as a Founding Member of the PAC **by giving or raising** \$5,000
- These contributions will raise an initial \$100,000 for the 2010 election cycle
- The first 20 physicians to raise or contribute \$5,000 by September 30, 2010 will serve as Founding Members
- Each Founding Member will have one vote
- The Founding Members will host quarterly telephonic conference calls to vote on PAC contributions to Members of Congress and Governors and the Chairman can call meetings annually or biannually at his discretion depending on the timing of the election cycle
- The PAC will focus on both state and federal elected officials
- The PAC will enable Indian American physicians to become politically engaged at the state and federal levels on issues affecting their practices
- Prior to the conference calls, a memorandum will be distributed with PAC recommendations to the Founding Members
- Contributions will be approved by a simple majority vote of the Founding Members
- A political consulting firm in Washington, D.C. will be paid a monthly fee of \$150-\$300 to manage the PAC, mail contributions and file our quarterly statements with the Federal Election Commission
- One person will be elected annually every January to serve as Chairman of the PAC and there will no limits on the number of two-year terms a Chairman can serve
- The Chairman will be elected by a simple majority vote of Founding Members in good standing
- Physicians wishing to remain in good standing as Founding Members must raise or contribute \$5,000 by January 31, 2012

- Additional physicians over and above the numeric limit of 20 who contribute or raise \$5,000 will serve as Patron Members of the PAC
- If a Founding Member is no longer in good standing, a physician from the Patron Members list will take their place
- Patron members will be selected as Founding Members if there is an opening by a “first in line” concept whereby the first physician in line on the Patron list will be selected
- As long as Founding Members raise or contribute \$5,000 every two years, they will remain as Founding Members with voting rights
- With 20 Founding Members, a majority vote of 11 physicians is needed to approve or decline a contribution
- No more than one family member may serve as a Founding member of the PAC – example, Physician #1 contributes \$5,000 and their spouse also raises \$5,000; only one will serve as a Founding member while the other will serve as a non-voting Patron member. If an opening appears for a Founding member, the second physician spouse cannot be placed into the opening as long as their spouse continues to serve as Founding member. This nepotism rule will prevent undue influence from any one or group of families.
- If a Founding Member has not paid or raised their contribution of \$5,000, they will be automatically removed and if a Patron member has not replaced their position by the time of the next vote, then a majority vote of 10 Founding Members will be sufficient since there will be 19 Founding Members at the time of the vote
- There will be no officers or need for elections other than for the Chairman
- The treasurer of the PAC will be our political firm, which is run by experienced American political consultants
- Physicians that give \$2,500 every two years will be on the Gold donor list
- Physicians that give \$1,000 every two years will be on the Silver donor list
- Gold and silver members can upgrade to become a Patron member anytime as long as the full payment is raised or received during the calendar year, the status of Patron member will remain through January of next election cycle – example: Gold member pays \$2,500 in January 2012 and then raises another \$2,500 from other donors by December 31, 2012, they will become Patron Member through January 31, 2014 when their dues of \$5,000 become due once again
- Founding and Patron members are encouraged to raise funds at all levels to satisfy their \$5,000 dues and to host fundraisers for the PAC

- Any physician can become a member of the PAC with a \$50 annual contribution
- All Silver, Gold, Patron and Founding member PAC donors will receive an API-PAC lapel pin
- All donors must be either U.S. citizens or Green Card holders
- All contributions must be in personal funds; corporate funds are not allowed under federal law
- Contributions to the PAC are not tax-deductible under federal law
- The PAC will be professionally-run and transparent
- Funds can be given back to local physicians for those who raise PAC funds and a percentage will be sent back depending on the maximum allowed under state law
- The PAC is being established in your best interests, in the interests of Indian American physicians, for future physicians, and it will only work if team players join our cause
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