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POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE



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## RAPAC AND THE LAW

Every year, it's helpful to review what is considered a legally acceptable RAPAC contribution. Following are some simple guidelines:

### **Who Can Contribute to RAPAC?**

Only the following people can contribute:

- ◆ Association Members and Pending Association Members
- ◆ Executive & Administrative Employees of NAR
- ◆ State & Local Associations and Boards and their Employees
- ◆ Individual Affiliate Members of an Association
- ◆ Spouse of Association Member

### **What Is an Acceptable Contribution?**

- ◆ Only personal contributions can be accepted for RAPAC. This includes personal checks, personal credit cards (Visa, Master Card, Discover, etc.), and cash (only up to \$100.00).
- ◆ Spouses who are both members can send in one check and have it split between them to RAPAC.
- ◆ A non-member spouse can send in a check for the member spouse on a joint checking account.

### **What Is Not an Acceptable Contribution?**

- ◆ 3rd party checks (e.g., Bill Smith contributing for his daughter Peggy Brown or his friend Jim Williams)
- ◆ Corporate checks
- ◆ Corporate credit cards

### **The One-third Rule**

In order to stay in compliance with Federal Election Commission Laws, please remember the one-third rule. The one-third rule applies to fundraising events involving prizes or entertainment. The rule states that a fundraising event offering prizes, merchandise, or entertainment, must result in contributions of at least three times the value of the items given to the contributors. For more details on the one-third rule, please contact the Government Affairs Department at [legislativeandpoliticalaffairs@aaronline.com](mailto:legislativeandpoliticalaffairs@aaronline.com).

### **Proper RAPAC Disclosure**

When creating flyers, contribution forms, or any document that will be used to advertise RAPAC the following disclosure must be on the document:

*"Contributions to RAPAC are voluntary and are used for political purposes. You may refuse to contribute without reprisal or otherwise affecting your membership rights. 70 percent of each contribution will be sent to Arizona PAC for state and local activities. Contributions to National RPAC are charged against your limits under 2 U.S.C 441a. Contributions are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes."*



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