



## PAC CALLS 2020 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What are these calls for?** TASCS is beginning its PAC 2020 efforts to raise money for political giving for the 2020 election cycle. TASCS PAC contributes on a non-partisan basis to Texas officeholders and candidates for state office. Political campaigns have become very expensive and if TASCS is to have a seat at the negotiating table, it's important that we all get involved.
- 2. What is the TASCS PAC 2020 Goal? \$50,000.** We are setting an aggressive fundraising goal. To achieve this, we are asking each facility to raise **\$500** in 2020. It doesn't have to be done in one contribution – these contributions can be collected periodically via a credit card, from a variety of ASC employees. Each employee doesn't have to be a lot - EVERY dollar helps!
- 3. How does this goal compare to other similar organizations?** Texas Hospital Association, Texas Medical Association, and the Free-standing Emergency Room members raise over **\$100,000** for PAC activities.
- 4. Why should I (we) give??** At times, Legislative decisions and policies are not always in line with of the interests of ASCs or even in direct conflict. ASCs are not always an understood health care model and can be thought of in the same space as Free-standing Emergency Rooms.
  - In 2019 (a legislative session year), TASCS tracked more than **250 bills** that affected the ASC industry, including legislation dealing with balance billing, workplace safety, health plan networks, opioid prescribing, managed care, surgical assistants, dual licensure of ASCs, and much more.
  - We expect another tough session in 2021, where each of these key issues – and more – are likely to be back under consideration by the Legislature.
  - PAC contributions are an effective way to ensure that ASCs' best interests are represented before the Texas Legislature.
  - PAC contributions opens doors for TASCS, allowing TASCS to build relationships with elected officials and candidates who make policy decisions affecting our industry.
  - PAC contributions enables TASCS' individual members to participate in the political/legislative process and to pool resources towards a common goal.
  - We must continue to be active, so we have direct access to the decision-makers when threats arise.
- 5. How do you give?** Visit the TASCS Website and click on the button **DONATE button** on the front page – right sidebar. It is about mid-way down the page.
- 6. Who can give?** Individual contributions need to be **PERSONAL** funds, and facility donations may not be corporate dollars but Professional Associations (PA), Professional Corporations (PC), Limited Liability Companies (LLC) and Professional Limited Liability Companies (PLLC) and individuals are allowed. Contributions can be automatically deducted monthly through a credit card or bank account.
- 7. What can expect after I donate?** Participating in TASCS PAC not only benefits your work environment and industry as a whole, but donors also are able to participate in the TASCS PAC Committee; attend the PAC Reception at conferences; receive special invitations to visit with lawmakers and candidates; recognition in TASCS communications such as newsletters, social media and more; the ability to participate in the giving of TASC PAC with individual candidates; and political updates and election analysis.
- 8. More information can be found on TASCS website: <https://www.texasascociety.org>; or by reaching out to Krista DuRapau, Executive Director, at 512-535-2325.**