



What is the REALTORS® POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE?

The REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) is the designation for both the federal and state political action committee of the REALTOR® organization. Its purpose is to collect funds in order to support individuals running for political office and other grassroots efforts that support the legislative agenda of the REALTOR® organization. Expenditures are made on a non-partisan basis to support issues, candidates and positions favorable to the real estate industry.

RPAC is three tiered, with a federal, state and local component. Of every dollar raised, \$.30 goes to federal RPAC, \$.35 goes to Indiana RPAC and \$.35 goes to Local Boards who reach their Fair Share Goal. Only REALTOR® association members and registered affiliates are allowed to contribute to RPAC. RPAC contributions are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes. Contributions are voluntary and are used for political purposes. You may refuse to contribute without any affect on your membership rights.

All politics are local. By contributing to RPAC, you are helping to create a strong voice for issues that affect your daily lives as REALTORS®. It provides you a "seat at the table" when key issues affecting REALTORS® are being discussed. A contribution to RPAC is an investment in the future of real estate and private property rights.

*Want an affordable way to make the jump to the next level?
Pledge your contribution and pay it in multiple payments.*

PLEASE NOTE:

- Fair Share is \$15/member
- State Goal \$350,000
- State Participation Goal 50%

Award Categories

99 Club (\$99-\$249)

Engraved plaque
(1st year and every 11th year after)
Yearly bars to affix to plaque

Hall of Fame (11th year as 99 Club)

Hoosier Life (\$250-\$499)

Engraved plaque
(1st year and every 4th after)
Yearly bars to affix to plaque

REALTOR® 500 (\$500-\$999)

Engraved plaque
(1st year, every 5th year after)
Yearly bars to affix to plaque

Sterling R

\$1000 annually

Sterling R pin (yearly)
engraved plaque (1st year only)

Crystal R

\$2500 annually

Crystal R pin (yearly)
Crystal award (1st year only)

Golden R

\$5000 annually

Golden R pin (yearly)
Spinner award (1st year only)

Hoosier Golden R

\$1000 contribution each year for
5 consecutive years

Eagle Award

\$1000 contribution each year for
10 years total

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a "Fair Share" goal?

The fair share goal is determined by the number of members on record as of November 30th of the previous year. Fifteen dollars per member is assessed and boards that raise at or above that figure receive 35% of their fundraising proceeds back to support REALTOR friendly local candidates and fund local issue initiatives. Those who do not raise this amount only receive 12% of proceeds raised.

2. What is the difference between personal and corporate dollars?

Personal (hard) dollars are contributions made with an individual's personal funds including cash, personal credit card, money order and personal check. Under federal election law, only personal dollar contributions can be used to fund legislative candidates running for office. Corporate (soft) dollars are contributions made by corporate check. Corporate dollars can be used for issue campaigns, opportunity races, media buys and are deposited into a separate account at the National level to ensure they are not used by political candidates.

3. What contributor information do I need to include with checks?

Both Federal and State election law require documentation of all contributors. We need the following information on each contributor: name, address, city, state and telephone. A simple way to satisfy this is to make sure each contributor fills out a green RPAC investment form.

4. What types of contributions are prohibited?

There are 3 types of contributions prohibited by both Federal and State election law.

- **Contributions made in the name of another:** Working for a 100% office, Mr. RPAC Fundraiser throws in a \$5 contribution and attributes it to Ms. Don't Ask Me for Nothing.
- **Anonymous contributions:** Collecting cash from 15 individuals and depositing it in your personal checking account so that you can write a personal check. The original contributors are "anonymous" in this type of transaction. A money order is your best option.
- **Contributions from foreign nationals:** All contributors must be legal citizens of the United States. Corporate contributions from a company headquartered in another country also fall under this rule.

5. Is there a limit on how much money an individual or corporate entity can contribute?

Under Indiana election law, we have a \$5,000 corporate contribution limit which is an aggregate limit that covers the entire year. The total amount received at the state level must not exceed \$5,000 in a calendar year. If you consider contributing a large corporate contribution, please keep this limit in mind. Any monies received at the state level over the \$5,000 mark will be returned to you.

6. How can I obtain RPAC green investment forms?

Please call or e-mail Alyson Welker and let her know how many forms you will need and she will mail them to you.

NOTE: If your green forms have the IAR address listed as a P.O. BOX they are out of date. The P.O. BOX has been closed for over 3 years and your mail will be returned undeliverable.

7. I am sending a wire transfer of RPAC monies to IAR for the first time. What paperwork do I need to include?

For personal contributions, we need the member name, NRDS #, check number, the amount the member contributed. For corporate contributions, we need the same information, as well as either the company name that was on the check or a copy of the check. Please submit this information to Alyson Welker via mail, e-mail or fax.

8. I mailed my RPAC check to IAR on December 31, 2006, but it isn't being counted as 2006 contribution.

All contributions received and deposited in a calendar year **MUST** be reported in the same calendar year. The IAR collects and deposits money up through noon on December 31st of each year. Most likely, contributions that are not mailed until the last few days of the calendar year will not reach the IAR offices in time to be counted. Please remember to mail your RPAC contributions in early to avoid this potential problem.

9. What is the disclaimer that should be included in any solicitation of RPAC funds?

RPAC contributions are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes. Contributions are voluntary and are used for political purposes. You may refuse to contribute without reprisal or otherwise affecting your membership rights. 70% of your contribution goes to your State Association to support state and local political candidates and issues. Up to 30% is sent to National RPAC to support Federal candidates against your limits under 2 U.S.C. 441a. Indiana RPAC does accept corporate contributions, of which 30% may be eligible for NAR's PAF Fund. Submission of this form indicates an understanding that corporate contributions to Indiana RPAC are subject to the limits established in I.C. 3-9-2-4. Corporate contributions will be allocated among the categories therein.

10. Are cash contributions accepted?

Cash contributions can be accepted by State RPAC, but Nation RPAC has a \$100 cash limit. Generally speaking, sending cash is not a good idea and can be easily converted into a money order, which will take care of the Federal cash limit.