

## NGWA-PAC Contribution Form

\$25     \$100     \$250     \$500

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (maximum \$5,000/year)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Business address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Your position at company :

Executive

Stockholder

Family member of \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment information

Total payment enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My personal check is enclosed (made payable to NGWA-PAC)

Visa     MasterCard     Discover     American Express

CC# \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Return completed forms to:

NGWA-PAC  
601 Dempsey Road  
Westerville, OH 43081

By fax: (614) 898-7786

By email: [ngwapac@ngwa.org](mailto:ngwapac@ngwa.org)

## Key features of NGWA-PAC

**It's legal**—NGWA-PAC is registered with the FEC to receive contributions and is in compliance with all applicable laws.

**It's voluntary**—Contributions to NGWA-PAC are completely voluntary. It is your decision alone how much to give or whether to give at all. You may contribute as much as you like up to the maximum of \$5,000 per calendar year allowed under federal law.

**Every dollar contributed to NGWA-PAC goes to candidates**—NGWA pays all administrative and solicitation costs for NGWA-PAC, as permitted by law. Every dollar you contribute to NGWA-PAC will be used to support candidates for the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

**It's politically smart**—By pooling individual contributions through NGWA-PAC, we can have a greater impact on political campaigns than any one of us could by acting alone. Equally important, your contributions serve as a reminder to lawmakers that the groundwater industry is both a politically aware and actively involved constituency in American politics.

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# Your Voice in America's Political Process



**NGWA-PAC**

*Today's groundwater professional faces a number of political issues that, when resolved, will directly affect the groundwater industry's future. Think about it. What has been the impact of legislative action or inaction on the resource and your profession?*

## **What is NGWA-PAC?**

NGWA-PAC is a bipartisan fund supported by NGWA members who want to support candidates who understand and support the groundwater professions. Individuals give money to the fund, and the money is pooled and distributed to federal representatives who support our goal of the appropriate management, development, and use of groundwater.

## **Why does NGWA need a PAC?**

Legislators make decisions nearly every week, which allows us to meet with elected officials and explain the needs of our industry face to face. Through NGWA-PAC, legislators can ask us questions and get a better idea of the value of the groundwater professions to a range of industries across the economy. We get the opportunity to participate in the political process and establish relationships with lawmakers that will ensure our voice and positions on critical issues are heard.

## **What's in it for me?**

NGWA-PAC is a powerful tool as a part of NGWA's government affairs package. There are exclusive benefits to NGWA-PAC membership. At the present time they include, but are not limited to:

- Opportunity to participate in political fundraising events in Washington, D.C., and in your district
- Recognition at Groundwater Week, NGWA Fly-In, and Groundwater Summit, and in the *Washington Update* newsletter
- Access to political updates only available to NGWA-PAC members.

## **How can I donate to NGWA-PAC?**

Donating to NGWA-PAC is quick and simple. Contributions can be made via credit card or a personal check made payable to NGWA-PAC using the included form.

Corporate credit cards and corporate checks are not permitted under federal law. However, if your company has its own PAC, company PACs are permitted to contribute to NGWA-PAC.

## **What are NGWA-PAC's membership levels?**

NGWA-PAC appreciates every donor's commitment to NGWA's advocacy program, and offers the following levels of membership. Contributors will be recognized according to their level of membership in the PAC.

Gold	\$1,000 and up
Silver	\$500 to \$999
Bronze	\$200 to \$499
Advocate	\$100 to \$199
Other	\$25 to \$99

## **Are there limitations on donations?**

Yes, federal law places limitations on PAC donations. All contributions to NGWA-PAC must be made from a personal account. Corporate donations are not accepted. Also, each person is limited to a maximum donation of \$5,000 per calendar year.

## **Are PACs regulated?**

PACs are regulated by the Federal Election Commission (FEC) and are required to file regular reports disclosing their receipts and disbursements. PACs must file regular reports with the FEC listing the name and address of the candidate receiving the contribution, amount contributed, and the name, address, occupation, employer, and amount contributed from any member of a PAC who contributes more than \$200 per year to their PAC.

## **How do federal representatives use our PAC money?**

PAC contributions are used to support members of Congress or candidates running for election. NGWA-PAC only supports candidates running for federal office. By receiving a PAC contribution, NGWA-PAC is helping ensure that a member or a candidate is successfully elected or re-elected to Congress.

## **I'm not a political person; is it still important for me to donate?**

Absolutely! NGWA-PAC is managed by NGWA advocacy staff, with the guidance of the NGWA-PAC chairperson and Government Affairs Committee. While you may not want to be "plugged into" the details of politics in Washington, you can rest assured that the decisions being made on PAC spending are done by those with political acumen and are made with NGWA interests at its core.

## **Whom should I contact if I have additional questions?**

If you have any questions that we have not answered, please contact NGWA Government Affairs Director Lauren Schapker at [lschapker@ngwa.org](mailto:lschapker@ngwa.org) or (202) 888-9151.