



## Letter from NAADAC's President

The 2008 presidential election has been one of the most exciting I've ever experienced. No matter who wins in November, however, our nation faces many challenges ahead. One of the most important—though least talked about—is our responsibility to ensure that the 23 million Americans with substance use disorders receive the services they need. Our PAC must be ready to hit the ground running after the election!



Advocacy has always been central to NAADAC's mission, and for over a decade the PAC has been an indispensable public policy tool. As the only national addiction organization with the ability to give contributions, we have played a vitally important role in promoting addiction prevention, treatment and recovery to members of Congress.

As we look to policy debates of the future—veterans' health care, addressing the critical workforce shortage, increasing funding levels for treatment, and possible national health care reform—we can be sure that a strong PAC will allow us to have our voice heard by our nation's lawmakers.

Thank you for supporting your PAC!

Patricia M. Greer, LCDC, AAC  
NAADAC President

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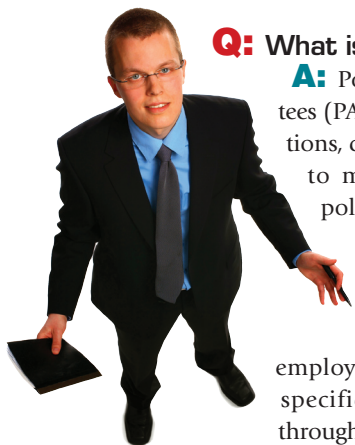
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NAADAC Political Action Committee





## After the election, NAADAC PAC needs to be ready to hit the ground running!



### Q: What is a PAC?

**A:** Political Action Committees (PACs) allow trade associations, corporations and unions to make contributions to political candidates. These groups are prohibited by law from making contributions directly, but their members and employees can donate money specifically for this purpose through a PAC.

The insurance, tobacco and alcohol industries all have PACs, and they're some of the biggest in Washington.

Fortunately, by pooling our resources in the PAC, NAADAC members can ensure that Congress hears about the issues most important to addiction professionals and the clients we serve.

### Q: Why should I support NAADAC PAC?

**A:** For over a decade, NAADAC PAC has been the only addiction-focused federal PAC. (NAADAC's public policy partner, the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers, has recently started its own PAC as well.)

PAC donations are a unique advocacy tool. They help NAADAC build relationships with new champions for our issues, as well as ensuring that candidates who support addiction professionals are re-elected.

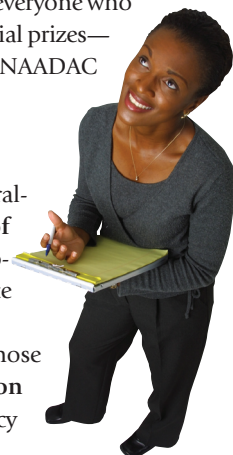
NAADAC PAC is only as effective as the support it receives from members. The PAC is funded exclusively by member donations.

### Q: What is the two-week PAC Drive?

**A:** From Sept. 28 – Oct. 11, 2008, everyone who gives a donation is entered to win special prizes—one person from each of the eight NAADAC regions will win:

- A NAADAC polo shirt
- A NAADAC briefcase
- A free, not-available-to-the-general-public, behind-the-scenes tour of the U.S. Capitol during the Advocacy in Action 2009 conference (Mar. 8 – 10).

One national winner will win those prizes plus free conference registration and a free hotel room during Advocacy in Action 2009!



### Q: Who receives NAADAC PAC donations?

**A:** NAADAC PAC contributes to members of Congress who support the most important issues to addiction professionals:

- Ending insurance discrimination
- Increasing public funding for treatment, research and federal programs like Recovery Month
- Ensuring treatment access for veterans, members of the armed forces and their families
- Working for fair compensation for the addictions workforce and recruiting the next generation of addiction professionals

The NAADAC PAC Committee—made up of NAADAC members—approves all contributions.

### Important Legal Notice

PAC donations are **not** tax-deductible and, by law, can only be accepted from NAADAC members (or their families). Company or organizational checks cannot be accepted and will be returned. Donations are entirely voluntary and do not affect your membership status with NAADAC.



### Q: How much should I give?

**A:** Whether you give \$10 or \$1,000, every dollar you give to the PAC goes towards re-electing candidates who support addiction professionals. Our average PAC donation is about \$60.

We recognize our contributors at the following levels:

- **President's Club: \$300 and up**
- **Champion: \$200 – \$299**
- **Leadership Circle: \$100 – \$199**
- **NAADAC Advocate: \$50 – \$99**
- **Donor: \$1 – \$49**

All 2008 PAC donors will be recognized in *NAADAC News* and the annual report, receive a semi-annual public policy newsletter exclusively for PAC donors and be recognized at Advocacy in Action and NAADAC's annual conference. NAADAC Advocate-level donors and above will also receive a PAC pin recognizing their donor level for the year.

### Q: How do I give to NAADAC PAC?

**A:** The easiest way to give is online. Please visit [www.naadac.org](http://www.naadac.org) and click on "Advocacy." If you prefer to mail a check, please fill in the following information, cut along the dotted line and mail the form with your check (made payable to NAADAC PAC) to:

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