



Plastics PAC
Political Action Committee

IAPD Plastics PAC Frequently Asked Questions

Who can contribute to the IAPD Plastics PAC?

- Only IAPD members can contribute to IAPD Plastics PAC. Contributions to IAPD Plastics PAC cannot be accepted from non-IAPD members.
- If you are hosting your fundraiser after a broader IAPD meeting, do require that non-IAPD members leave the room before you start this portion of the meeting.

What is prior authorization?

- Due to federal election law IAPD Plastics PAC must seek and obtain the prior written authorization in order to communicate or solicit corporate members of the association.

What types of contributions can IAPD Plastics PAC accept?

- Personal checks and credit cards are accepted, as is cash under \$100, as long as the cash is directly given to IAPD staff.

What information must be collected from each contributor?

- The name, address, phone number, employer and occupation of each contributor must be provided with all contributions. (The donation form included in this packet of materials requests all of this information.)
- This information is reported to the Federal Election Commission for all individuals who contribute in aggregate of \$200 per calendar year. IAPD Plastics PAC and all individuals acting on behalf of IAPD Plastics PAC must exercise their best efforts in obtaining this information from each individual contributor.

Are contributions to IAPD Plastics PAC tax deductible?

- No, IAPD Plastics PAC contributions are not tax deductible.

How much can an individual contribute to IAPD Plastics PAC in a calendar year?

- Contributors to IAPD Plastics PAC can give a maximum of \$5,000 of personal money per calendar year.
- Foreign nationals may not make contributions to candidates, parties or PAC's at the local, state or federal level.

Who can pay for the costs of an IAPD Plastics PAC fundraiser?

Corporations and Partnerships – Corporation and Partnership members of IAPD can pay for the cost of events from their business accounts. Because these donations come from member companies, they can be used for covering administrative and solicitation costs of IAPD Plastics PAC and are not considered in-kind contributions and are not reported to the Federal Election Commission. There is no maximum annual contribution for this type of donation. (Should an individual employee of a corporate or partnership member of the IFA opt to cover these costs from their personal account, different rules apply.)

Example: Company X helped put on an event for IAPD Plastics PAC. They would like to take care of the event expenses as well. Since they are a partnership for tax purposes, they have decided to cover these costs from the company's business account. This donation is not considered an in-kind contribution and is unlimited.