

The 5 W's of PACE

Who, What, Where, When, Why?

It's an election year! Which means its time to get to know PACE!

PACE –Political Action for Candidate Election – is the political action arm of the National Association of Social Workers. Created in 1976, PACE fosters the participation of members to elect candidates who support NASW's public policy goals.

PACE is a non-partisan political action committee dedicated to advancing social workers' goals by electing public officials who support public policy that protects social workers and their clients.

Many NASW chapters, including Iowa, have PACE committees to represent social workers in state and local elections. These committees are directed by NASW members knowledgeable about issues affecting state and local government.

PACE is funded through contributions from members like you. Through PACE, NASW members make contributions to support candidates and volunteer to work in campaigns of PACE-endorsed candidates.

You can make a contribution to PACE when you renew your NASW membership. When you do this, one-half of your contribution goes to Iowa PACE, the other half supports federal candidates. When you support Iowa PACE with a contribution at Symposium and other events, 100% of your contribution goes to Iowa PACE for contributions to state and local candidates.

PACE is an important group that works to get the right people in office who will work to further the interests of social workers and those we serve .

Making a monetary contribution is not the only way to get involved.

- Join the Committee
- Recommend candidates for PACE to endorsement
- Work on behalf of PACE endorsed candidates
- Attend campaign events and ask the tough questions
- Make phone calls to radio talk shows and ask questions about issues important to social workers
- Run for office yourself

Being politically active as a social worker is not only important, it is mandated by NASW Code of Ethics.