ASHNHA Political Action Committee - Overview

ASHNHA’s Political Action Committee (PAC) conducts a yearly auction at the annual meeting. This is an election year, so ASHNHA needs your generous support. This auction is the sole political fundraiser conducted by the PAC and it is a fun event. It is scheduled for Thursday night Sept 11. Members and conference participants are encouraged to contribute items to the auction which represent their community and Alaska. Last year in Nome several local artisans set up booths so that members/participants could do last minute shopping. That is not the case this year, so remember to plan ahead and bring items with you. There are limited options available at Alyeska gift shops.

ASHNHA, through its PAC, has a tradition of supporting candidates for public office. The PAC provides opportunity for members/administration to dialogue with candidates about the importance of the delivery of healthcare services by our members. Because the PAC falls under the jurisdiction of the Alaska Public Offices Commission, certain rules apply. Here is a summary of these rules in anticipation of your participation in the auction.

- **Donations to the PAC may not exceed $500 per year for an individual and this amount includes the cost of the donated item(s) for the auction. You’re encouraged to have your spouse or another person make the donation of your item so that you have the opportunity to bid on items at the auction. For example, if you bring an item to donate that you paid $200.00 for then you may only spend an additional $300.00 at the auction. Your spouse or other family member may also donate or purchase items.**

- **Corporate donations are NOT allowed.**
  
  For example, a business entity may not reimburse an employee for either purchasing an item for the auction or buying an item at the auction. In addition, a business can’t donate an item to the auction because that would be a corporate contribution.

- **Checks (non-corporate) and credit cards (non-corporate) are accepted by the PAC. Cash is only accepted if the contribution is less than $100.**

**Sample of Donated Auction Items:**

Items brought from your community are big sellers at the auction. Here are some examples of the hot items from previous annual meetings:

- Rose Mal Platter cost $150.00 and sold for $275.00
- Handmade Quilt cost $500 and sold for $900.00
- Fishing rod cost $450 and sold for $525
- Decorative Plate cost $138.00 and sold for $275.00
- Dipnetting Trip cost $100.00 and sold for $450.00