

THE ASSOCIATION OF OKLAHOMA NURSE PRACTITIONERS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this Committee shall be "Association of Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners Political Action Committee" and the abbreviated designation shall be "AONP-PAC."

. ARTICLE II FORM OF ORGANIZATION AND FISCAL YEAR

The AONP-PAC shall be a non-profit, unincorporated association with a fiscal year ending on December 31.

The AONP-PAC shall support only candidates for State of Oklahoma elected offices; viz., Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, members of the State Senate and House of Representatives; state questions, and may contribute to other Political Action Committees including the right to designate such contribution be made to a specific campaign through the donee Political Action Committee. Said purpose of the AONP-PAC and these Bylaws governing the utilization of same, shall be in accordance with the rules, regulations and statutes governing Political Action Committees as of February 1, 1996 and including any amendments, substitutes, replacements or additions to said rules, regulations and statutes which may hereinafter occur. Said AONP-PAC shall enjoy the same legal rights and authority of all similar Political Action Committees in the State of Oklahoma as allowed by law.

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

Organizations such as AONP are prohibited from providing financial support to political candidates/causes, however these organizations are legally permitted to set up Political Action Committees (PACs) which may make contributions to political candidates and committees, providing opportunities for AONP to have direct contact with state legislators and candidates. In addition, PAC monies may be used for political fundraising and targeting legislative votes via advertising. Financial contributions to the AONP-PAC are placed in a separate bank account from the general AONP accounts.

The AONP-PAC is dedicated to the protection, preservation and furtherance of the health of Oklahomans, to the strengthening of the Oklahoma healthcare system and in particular to the protection and advancement of the Association of Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners. Decisions regarding the support or opposition of candidates are not based on party affiliation, but are determined according to the candidate's support of AONP legislative agenda, electability, and discussions/recommendations of the AONP-PAC Board of Trustees and committee members.

The AONP-PAC shall not be affiliated with any political party.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Membership in the AONP-PAC committee shall be available to any AONP Nurse Practitioner member who makes at least the minimal contribution (see below).

There shall be one class of membership.

The Board of Trustees, which shall be the elected Executive Board of the Association of Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners, is authorized to determine the rights, powers, duties and responsibilities of AONP-PAC membership.

Section 2 - Contributions. The AONP-PAC welcomes and appreciates all contributions. Any person or corporation who is interested in the promotion of healthcare in Oklahoma and wishes to support the purposes of the AONP-PAC, even though not an AONP member, may make direct contributions to AONP-PAC; these donors may not be PAC Committee members but may have a voice in committee discussions. Only AONP Nurse Practitioner members may be PAC Committee members; a contribution of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more shall entitle the contributor to full membership during the fiscal year in which the contribution is made. Contributions aggregating up to \$5,000 per calendar year from an individual may be accepted. Contributions to the AONP-PAC are not deductible for federal income tax purposes.

The Board of Trustees of the AONP-PAC may expend monies contributed to the AONP-PAC to assist eligible candidates or state questions by direct financial contributions in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations or by contributions to other committees as allowed by law which shall include the right to specifically designate the recipient of same through donee committee.

The AONP-PAC Board of Trustees will vote on the distribution of PAC funds based on comments from PAC members and Board of Trustees' careful non-partisan review of candidates (those who voted with AONP in the past, those likely to do so in the future).

Section 2.1 - Corporate contributions may be made and utilized by the PAC where permissible by law. Corporate contributions may be used for administrative expenses of the PAC and other lawful purposes, but no corporate contribution may be used as PAC contributions to candidates for public office. Corporate contributions may be used to support or defeat state questions as allowed by state law.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1 - The AONP-PAC shall be administered by a Board of Trustees all of who must be members of the AONP PAC committee and the Association of Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners. The Board of Trustees shall be the elected Executive Board of the Association of Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners. Members of the elected Board of Trustees shall serve concurrent with their terms of office of the Association of Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

The officers shall be a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President, which shall comprise the AONP-PAC Board of Trustees.

The Chair shall be the President of the Association of Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees.

The Vice Chair shall be the President-Elect of the Association of Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners. The Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in his/her absence.

The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Association of Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners. The Secretary shall be the recorder of all official actions of the Board of Trustees.

The Immediate Past President of the Association of Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners will serve on the AONP-PAC Board of Trustees with a vote.

The Treasurer shall be the Treasurer of the Association of Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners and also be the financial officer of the AONP-PAC, shall present a written financial report at each meeting of the Board of Trustees, and prepare and file all reports required by law or regulation.

The financial records of the AONP-PAC shall contain detailed information concerning the following:

1. All contributions of any kind made to the AONP-PAC.
2. The full name, mailing address, and profession if applicable of the person making the contribution and the date and amount of the contribution.
3. All expenditures made by the AONP-PAC through the financial officer indicating the date the expenditure was made, to whom it was made, and the amount.
4. All contributions made to eligible candidates either directly or through contributions to another PAC, shall contain in addition to the requirements of subparagraph 3 of this Article, the address, occupation and principal place of business if applicable, and the office being sought by the recipient of the contribution.
5. Such other records and reports as required by applicable laws and regulations.

ARTICLE VII OPERATIONS

Section 1 - The AONP-PAC shall be maintained on a fiscal year basis ending December 31. An annual meeting of the Committee may be held, upon thirty days' notice, at a time that the Board of Trustees so determines. Committee meetings may follow, but must remain separate from, AONP Executive Board meetings.

Section 2 - These Bylaws may be amended by an affirmative vote of a simple majority of the members of the Board of Trustees.

Section 3 - The Board of Trustees shall meet at least one time annually. The Chair may, in his or her sole discretion, determine that any number of attendees, up to and including all attendees, may participate in any meeting by means of remote communication. Participation in a remote meeting shall constitute presence “in person” at the meeting for all purposes, including quorum and voting, and may do so via conference call or via the Internet, etc.

Section 4 - The presence of a majority of the Trustees at any meeting called by the Chair shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5 - The Trustees shall, by a simple majority vote of Trustees present, approve contributions to or on behalf of political candidates. The Trustees shall determine the procedures for solicitation of contributions.

ARTICLE VIII

BOOKS, RECORDS AND FINANCES

Section 1 - The AONP-PAC shall keep complete books and records of account.

Section 1.2 - The funds of the AONP-PAC shall be deposited in such banks or other depositories as the Board of Trustees may select. The AONP-PAC Treasurer and the Executive Director of AONP shall both co-sign checks on the AONP-PAC bank account.

ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION

After all financial obligations have been met, any remaining funds shall be donated to the operating fund of the Association of Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners. No member of AONP- PAC will benefit personally from any distribution or dissolution.