



## The NARFE-PAC Consultative Process

*Headquarters follows a consultative process prior to making PAC contributions to candidates. Federation NARFE-PAC coordinators are asked to provide a recommendation on the candidate, after discussion with affected chapter NARFE-PAC chairs and members. This process is explained in detail below.*

### Overview

NARFE-PAC seeks recommendations from federation NARFE-PAC coordinators prior to contributing NARFE-PAC funds to congressional candidates. The NARFE-PAC Board considers this recommendation, among other factors, when making final decisions for allocating NARFE-PAC funds.

### The Recommendation Process

NARFE's Legislative Department will email the federation NARFE-PAC coordinator and the federation president requesting a recommendation regarding a candidate being considered for NARFE-PAC contributions. For this reason, federation NARFE-PAC coordinators must have and regularly check a working email account.

**NOTE:** If the federation NARFE-PAC coordinator role is vacant, the federation president is responsible for providing a recommendation.

Next, the federation NARFE-PAC coordinator should consult with chapter PAC chairs, CDLs and NARFE members in the relevant congressional district (or entire state, for Senate candidates) to determine the federation recommendation.

This recommendation should be based on the candidate's interactions with NARFE and his or her stance on NARFE issues. This includes evaluating the candidate's working relationship at the local level and NARFE voting record. Personal political views regarding issues not relevant to NARFE's mission will not be given any weight.

**Within two weeks**, the federation NARFE-PAC coordinator is expected to respond to the email request with a recommendation regarding the candidate. Recommendations must be received in writing via email.

**NOTE:** Because of this short timeline, NARFE encourages federation NARFE-PAC coordinators to frequently poll NARFE members and chapter NARFE-PAC chairs of their respective members of Congress and congressional candidates.

The Legislative Department then provides these recommendations to the NARFE-PAC Board.



## **Final Decisions**

The final decision concerning NARFE-PAC contributions rests with the NARFE-PAC Board. The NARFE-PAC Board is made up of the two elected National Officers and the Legislative Director.

It is the responsibility of the NARFE-PAC Board to take into consideration its overall budget and NARFE's national political strategy — in addition to the recommendations of local NARFE members.

## **Factors Considered**

A number of factors are considered by the NARFE-PAC Board when deciding whether to contribute to a particular candidate, including, but not limited to:

- The candidate's support on NARFE issues. This is indicated primarily by his or her NARFE voting record. Challengers or open-seat candidates who do not have a NARFE voting record are asked to fill out a [Candidate Questionnaire](#). Statements on NARFE issues, bill cosponsorships and personal meetings are also used to determine support.
- The federation recommendation, which should include an evaluation of the amount and quality of communication and accessibility of the candidate for NARFE members, chapters and federation.
- The influence a legislator can exert in support of NARFE's goals, whether it is through a party leadership position, committee assignment or a particular area of expertise.
- The competitiveness of the candidate's race.
- The overall NARFE-PAC budget.

**NOTE:** NARFE-PAC makes contributions to federal candidates for Congress only. It does not contribute to presidential candidates.