PROFESSIONAL AVIATION SAFETY SPECIALISTS, AFL-CIO (PASS)

**PASS PAC** 

## WHAT IS A PAC?

A political action committee (PAC) is an organization that functions as a liaison between elected federal legislators and the electorate. Primarily, PACs solicit voluntary contributions from individuals who share a common interest and are willing to advance the political process. This money is strictly regulated by the Federal Election Commission. The primary concern of the PASS PAC is to elect candidates, regardless of party affiliation, who support federal workers and are committed to maintaining the safest and most efficient aviation system.

## WHY SHOULD I SUPPORT THE PAC?

Your career and your livelihood are controlled by government policies and legislation. Members of Congress, with the consent of the president, wield significant authority when it comes to appropriating the funds necessary to support the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Department of Defense (DoD). These legislators also dictate your health benefits and even your retirement options. It is essential for PASS to support candidates who are dedicated to issues important to our members. The PAC helps to make this possible.

Under federal labor law, unions are forbidden to spend dues money on political activities. Therefore, the PASS PAC has been established to accept voluntary donations from PASS members. Every donation made to the PASS PAC will be used to elect the friends that PASS needs in Congress—individuals who will strive to shape government policy to our benefit.

## **HOW CAN I JOIN THE PASS PAC?**

The simplest way to participate in the PASS PAC is through dues withholding. By filling out FAA Form 3710-13 (3/90), you can authorize the FAA to deduct any amount from your paycheck per pay period. These forms are available from your PASS representative or online at www.passmember.org, under Legislative. Only PASS members can contribute to the PAC and membership in the PAC is completely voluntary.

The PAC dues check-off method is the preferred way of soliciting donations since it reduces overhead costs and allows access to a steady flow of money for contributions. However, you may also opt to send in a check (payable to the PASS PAC) for periodic donations to support the fund.

## IF I CONTRIBUTE TO THE PAC, DO I GET SPECIAL RECOGNITION?

Yes! Donors who contribute at the following levels per pay period will receive a special PASS PAC lapel pin:

\$0.99 - \$4.99 = Silver

\$5.00 - \$9.99 = Gold

\$10.00 - \$19.99 = Diamond

\$20.00 - \$29.99 = Emerald

\$30.00 + = Double Emerald