
CONPAC

A KEY TOOL FOR THE CONCESSIONS INDUSTRY



CONPAC DEFINITION

CONPac is a vital tool for the national park concessions industry to gain recognition of industry contributions to the experiences of park visitors and the provisions which permit companies to operate effectively in national parks. CONPac assists Members of Congress and candidates for Congress with contributions vital to successful federal election campaigns.

CONPac is provided limited administrative services by the National Park Hospitality Association but all contributions to candidates are funded by voluntary individual donations by those in the park concessions business, including those providing goods and services to concessioners. No corporate funds can be accepted, nor will contributions be accepted from other than U.S. citizens.

CONPac is one of over 4,200 federally registered political action committees, of which some 925 are associated with trade associations and similar organizations.

CONPAC RECIPIENTS

During each two year cycle, there are approximately 470 races for U.S Senate and U.S House of Representatives. CONPac has an advisory board of NPHA members who will determine priorities for allocation of available funds and strategies for encouraging contributions to CONPac.

CONPac's advisory board will determine which of those races warrant assistance. Generally, assistance will be provided to current Members of Congress who (1) have demonstrated significant interest in national parks and national park concessions issues and (2) have an ability to influence park and park concessions policies through committee or leadership roles. In addition, CONPac will consider the relationship of the candidate with NPHA members operating in the candidate's state or Congressional district, where applicable.

While CONPac may contribute up to \$5,000 to a candidate for federal office under law, CONPac will normally make contributions of \$1,000 or less.

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ACCOUNTABILITY

CONPac will regularly report to NPHA on its contributions and the rationale for its contributions and will further urge those in the national park concessions industry to participate in the political process through all lawful means, including additional personal contributions to candidates, service as volunteers in campaigns and participation in meetings with office holders and candidates for office. CONPac may, either independently or in concert with other entities, seek responses to questionnaires from candidates or provide forums for candidates to address issues relevant to the park concessions industry.

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Individuals may contribute up to \$5,000 annually to CONPac. CONPac may accept personal contributions from any U.S. citizen but will only solicit contributions from individuals serving on NPHA boards and committees. CONPac will accept funds from other legal federal political action committees. In soliciting contributions, CONPac may utilize any fundraising activities permitted by law and Federal Election Commission regulations and guidelines.

Questions regarding CONPac should be directed to:

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Contributions should be mailed after completing the attached form to:

CONPac
7628 Huntmaster Lane
McLean, VA 22102

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Employer:

- I understand that contributions to CONPac must be personal funds and that no corporate contributions are permitted.
- I understand that contributions to CONPac are not deductible as charitable contributions nor as business expenses.

Personal checks (no corporate checks and no cash contributions will be accepted) should be mailed with this form to:

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