

PA Bankers

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

PaBPAC

OUR STRENGTH IS IN OUR NUMBERS

DEAR FELLOW BANKERS

After a tremendously competitive November election, the 25-26 state legislature convened in January with nearly the same chamber composition with which it ended in the 23-24 session. Republicans still hold the majority in the PA Senate despite the Democrats' win in the special election on March 25. The State House will return to a 102-101 Democrat majority when a Democrat House member, who was victorious in the March special election, is sworn in. As a result of these tight margins, all legislation will need to be bipartisan to advance through both chambers of the state legislature.

With many issues of interest to our industry already in the pipeline – and many more on the horizon – it is crucial that we support candidates who will continue to move the industry forward.

What can you do to help elect candidates that support your industry, your customers and your local community? One easy way is to contribute to the Pennsylvania Bankers Public Affairs Committee (PaBPAC) state campaign.

Much of the attention these days is at the national level - from the new administration to our nationwide policies. But remember that all politics is local. When you see your local state legislators, tell them the story of your bank and about how you help your customers--their constituents--by supporting their local communities.

This year, the PaBPAC Board of Directors has set a goal of \$420,000. Each contribution made toward this goal will support pro-banking and pro-business candidates for public office. Through our contributions – no matter the amount – we send a message of unity and strength throughout our industry and demonstrate our readiness to meaningfully engage in the political process. I encourage you to conduct a campaign and/or contribute directly. Together, we can make a difference. And if you are a golfer like me, please know that diamond contributors (\$1000 +) will receive a free round of golf at one of the association's 2026 golf outings.

I ask that you kindly direct contributions and correspondence to: PaBPAC 3897 N. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17110. For inquiries or to schedule a visit from a PA Bankers staff member, don't hesitate to contact me or Amy Doyle at (717) 255-6937 or adoyle@pabankers.com.

Sincerely,



David W. Freeman
2025-2026 Chairman
PaBPAC Board of Directors
President and Chief
Executive Officer
QNB Bank

ABOUT PaBPAC

The Pennsylvania Bankers Public Affairs Committee (PaBPAC), founded in 1974, was created to assist individual bankers in organizing for more effective political action and making contributions to political candidates who support banking ideals. PaBPAC State and Federal are governed by the PaBPAC Board of Directors and comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing political action committees. Campaign expense reports are filed with the PA Department of State's Bureau of Elections and with the Federal Election Commission.

2024 STATE POLITICAL UPDATE

All eyes were on Pennsylvania during last year's Presidential election. With a Republican victory at the top of the ticket, success was experienced down ticket by Republicans, as they were able to sweep Pennsylvania's row offices—Attorney General, Treasurer and Auditor General.

In the General Assembly, all incumbents, with the exception of one member of the state senate, were voted back to Harrisburg. Thus, the composition of both legislative chambers remained nearly the same as the previous session. In the state senate, Republicans maintain a 28-22 advantage, while in the state house, Democrats began the legislative year with a 102-101 edge. As of this writing, the House stands at 101-101, with a special election set for March to fill a vacancy.

With a divided government, all legislation will need to be bipartisan if it hopes to advance through both chambers of the legislature. It is essential that bankers stay united in supporting pro-banking candidates from both political parties so that our voice is heard. PaBPAC stands out as the most effective means to achieve this goal.

Q&A

Who does PaBPAC support?

Pro-banking, pro-business candidates for the PA General Assembly, U.S. Congress and statewide offices.

Why should I contribute?

Legislation can impact your job and your customers every day. Contributing to PaBPAC helps to ensure that impact is positive.

Can I pay by credit card?

Yes. We accept VISA and Mastercard.

How do federal and state pay-to-play laws impact me?

If your role at the bank involves municipal finance, please consult the bank's legal counsel before contributing to PaBPAC.

DON'T FORGET!

- According to state campaign laws, only individuals and other political action committees are permitted to make contributions. **We cannot accept cash contributions in excess of \$100 or corporate checks.**

- If you contribute by personal check, please make your check payable to "PaBPAC." Submit your check with the contribution form included within this brochure.

- Contributions to PaBPAC Federal must be pre-authorized by your institution's CEO. Please call (717) 255-6937 if you need more information on PaBPAC Federal. This brochure is NOT a solicitation for PaBPAC Federal.

- PaBPAC contributions are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

- All 2025 Diamond contributors (\$1,000+) will receive a free round of golf at one of the association's 2026 golf outings.

- A Solicitation Toolkit can be found [here](#). This toolkit includes a checklist for internal bank PAC leaders, FAQs, staff solicitation memo and 'A Practical Guide for CEOs to Successful PAC Fundraising.'

All 2025 contributions must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2025.

CONTRIBUTION GUIDELINES

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

\$10 - \$74

JUNIOR OFFICERS

\$75 - \$199

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENTS

\$200 - \$399

SENIOR OFFICERS

\$400 - \$699

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

\$700 and above

*These amounts are suggestions.
All contributions are voluntary.*

RECOGNITION NAME BADGE MEDALLION PROGRAM

BRONZE

\$1 - \$249

SILVER

\$250 - \$499

GOLD

\$500 - \$799

PLATINUM

\$800 - \$999

DIAMOND

\$1,000 and above

CONTRIBUTION FORM

Please complete and enclose with your personal check.



PaBPAC

CONTRIBUTOR: _____

TITLE: _____

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION: _____

WORK ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TEL: _____ EMAIL: _____

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