**Missouri Psychiatric Physicians**
**Political Action Committee**

**MEMBERSHIP information**

**What is the MO Psychiatric Physicians PAC?**
MoPPPAC is an organization that accepts volunteer contributions to help strengthen the Missouri Psychiatric Physicians Association’s (MPPA) participation in elective processes at state and local levels.

**Why does MoPPPAC exist?**
1. State and local candidates who will advocate for Missouri Psychiatrists need the financial support of the medical community to win elections.
2. The Missouri Psychiatric Physicians Association advocates in the legislative arena with other organizations that have PACs. As long as organizations with interest adverse to those of the Missouri Psychiatric Physicians Association have PACs, the MPA needs one, too.
3. A PAC is part of a balanced strategy for legislative advocacy and political action.

**How does your PAC investment affect your bottom line?**
Lawmakers’ decisions in areas such as taxation, regulations and health care directly affect the profitability of your practice. Government policy affects not only your business; it affects your patients. MoPPPAC can contribute to a significant number of pro-medicine candidates. By pooling your political contributions with other Psychiatrists, you receive a greater return on your investment.

**Who may contribute?**
Anyone who wants to help elect candidates who support Psychiatry can contribute to the MoPPPAC.

**Who directs MoPPPAC?**
MoPPPAC operates under the direction of PAC officers and directors who are members of the American Psychiatric Association and the Missouri Psychiatric Physicians Association. The MoPPPAC Board of Directors may elect other members from time to time to serve as PAC officers and directors.

**Who decides how MoPPPAC funds are spent?**
The Board consists of officers and directors who serve on behalf of the Missouri Psychiatric Physicians Association. The Board approves all disbursements over $500. The PAC president approves disbursements of $500 or less.

**What factors determine MoPPPAC’s support of a candidate?**
- MoPPPAC membership input.
- A candidate’s strong voting record on mental health care and other issues affecting the practice of psychiatry and psychiatric patients.
- A candidate’s willingness to support the goals and mission of the Missouri Psychiatric Physicians Association.

MoPPPAC funds are used for purposes that are consistent with the goals and missions of the Missouri Psychiatric Physicians Association and the American Psychiatric Association.

**How to Join?**
Complete and return the Membership Form to MoPPPAC with your contribution. Note: MoPPPAC can accept only checks and money orders at this time, no credit cards. Maximum contribution is $5,000. Contributions to the PAC are not tax deductible.