

## Membership Club

### *Levels*

HAPAC membership levels are determined by totaling all contributions made to HAPAC during the annual contribution cycle February 15, 2010 through November 15, 2010.

In addition, contributions made to healthcare hosted fundraisers in 2010 will be credited to the individual and the total hospital goal for HAPAC.

### Club Levels

Ben Franklin Club \$1000 and above

Chairman's Circle \$500-999

Capital Club \$250-499

Palmetto Club \$100-249

Crescent Club \$20-99

### Club *Members*

Hospital executives, managers, medical staff, trustees, administrative employees, volunteers and vendors are all encouraged to participate in the fundraising campaign.

All contributions are voluntary and have no impact on job status, performance review or compensation. Political contributions are not tax deductible.

Please contribute to HAPAC and help SCHA educate lawmakers about the healthcare issues that are important to you and your local community hospital.

### How to *Join*

If you are interested in joining please fill out the attached contribution form. We accept contributions in the form of a check, made payable to HAPAC, or by sending in credit card information. Please send to:

HAPAC  
1000 Center Point Road  
Columbia, SC 29210

Or visit us online at [www.hapac.org](http://www.hapac.org)

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Thank you for  
your continued  
*support*  
of HAPAC.

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*Your*  
Contribution

- Supports candidates who are receptive when we speak with a unified voice on issues of concern related to healthcare. There is strength in numbers.
- Encourages active participation in the political process.
- Holds policy makers accountable for their position on healthcare issues.
- Promotes discussion of healthcare issues between the provider community and those who make public policy.

## What is HAPAC

HAPAC is a non-profit, non-partisan political action committee. HAPAC provides the state's healthcare workers a link, and more importantly, a voice, both at the state and federal levels. HAPAC is regulated by the SC Ethics Commission and operates in complete compliance with state and federal election laws.

## HAPAC's Role

The Hospital Association PAC supports political candidates for the South Carolina Legislature as well as statewide officials who are willing to protect public policies that preserve vital healthcare services. Your contribution supports lawmakers who not only understand these issues, but are willing to make a difference.

Your HAPAC contribution also reaches federal candidates whose decisions affect South Carolina Hospitals. A portion of qualified HAPAC contributions are transferred to the American Hospital Association Political Action Committee (AHAPAC) to support South Carolina's congressional delegation.

## How Funds are Spent

HAPAC is governed by a Board of Directors, represented by SCHA member hospitals, who determine the guidelines in which a candidate must fall to receive funding. These guidelines are based on qualifications, electability, responsiveness, and recommendations from the hospital community.

## Message From

# Chair

Dear Colleague:

As Chair of the Hospital Association Political Action Committee (HAPAC), I urge you to join me as an active contributor in the 2010 HAPAC campaign. As you are aware, this is not an easy time to ask for contributions. I fully appreciate the impact of this difficult economic time on both the hospital and personal fronts. But in the same way that your hospitals need to continue to raise money to fulfill your mission, HAPAC needs your support to continue ours.

Coupled with the ongoing recession is a new set of leaders in both Columbia and Washington. I greatly depend on SCHA's dedicated work with legislators on policy that impacts the work we do to care for our patients on behalf of my hospital and every hospital in South Carolina. HAPAC is a vital component of our advocacy program. Decisions made by our lawmakers often have an enormous impact on South Carolina hospitals; it is imperative that hospitals' voice be heard.

HAPAC is highly effective in educating legislators and other leaders about the difficult issues impacting hospitals today. A healthy PAC ensures that hospitals have a strong voice in both Columbia and Washington. With your support, we can continue to be heard. Your financial support will continue to make it possible for SCHA to compete with other large organizations who understand the significance of a well-funded PAC as an advocacy tool.

I know you agree with me that those who are elected need to fully understand the critical role that hospitals play in the health care delivery system and want to work with us to develop solutions to the challenges we face. *Every SCHA member benefits from HAPAC*, so it is appropriate that every hospital contribute.

I urge every hospital CEO to strive to meet your HAPAC goal for 2010. With your help, we can attain great success in 2010—in raising money for HAPAC, in achieving our legislative agenda, and in keeping our industry strong. Thank you for your support. We look forward to working with you, so we don't have to work *on* you.

Ingo Angermeier  
HAPAC Board Chair  
President/CEO Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System  
*(for identification purposes only)*

## 2010 HAPAC Contribution Form

Please complete this form in its entirety and return it with your contribution to HAPAC. Contributions made by check must be **made payable to HAPAC**. Please type, print or visit us on line at [www.hapac.org](http://www.hapac.org). *This form may be duplicated.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check made payable to HAPAC for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR Please charge my:  Visa  Mastercard  AmEx

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ 3- or 4-digit security code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address and zip code of card \_\_\_\_\_

*Contributions or gifts to HAPAC are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year.*

**Please complete this form in its entirety and return it to: Melissa Cook | HAPAC | 1000 Center Point Road | Columbia, SC 29210-5802**