

PAC Bylaw change:

The Vacaville Teachers Association shall be authorized to set up a Political Action Committee (PAC) fund/account to be used for political advocacy. This fund, called the Vacaville Teachers Association Political Action Committee or VTA PAC shall be funded by earmarking a portion of existing monthly dues. The appointed Treasurer shall notify all members immediately that an amount of \$1/month will be transferred out of their current monthly dues and deposited into the PAC account.

All dues paying members shall be notified annually that they may, by October 30th, notify the Association if they do not wish any of their dues to be contributed to the PAC. Should any member indicate that they do not wish any portion of their dues to be contributed to the PAC, the equivalent amount (\$1/month) shall remain in the general fund of the Association. Nothing in the bylaws shall prohibit VTA PAC from transferring an amount equal to the total annual contribution from members into the PAC at the beginning of the fiscal year.

PAC money shall be used for, but will not be limited to, educating the general voting public of VTA's positions regarding school board candidates or incumbents, parcel tax or local bond measures.

** Any
until change
\$1.80 month
+\$1 PAC.*

** contribute
more than
\$1*

By-Laws (DRAFT 3)
Vacaville Teachers Association Political Action Committee
(VTA-PAC)

Article 1 - Purpose

1. To inform the members of VTA of legislation, voting records, and positions of candidates that may affect the member's classrooms, working conditions, rights and benefits.
2. To recommend and support those educational issues and/or candidates for office who have proved through their voting records or interviews their support for educational issues that positively affect teachers and the teaching profession.
2. To serve as a funding structure through which VTA members may give direct and indirect financial contributions to candidates for office as are deemed worthy of support.

Article 2 - Membership & Meetings

1. Any member in good standing of VTA may participate as a member of VTA-PAC. Only members of VTA may be members of VTA-PAC.
2. The selection of VTA-PAC members shall be done to achieve a balance of elementary & secondary teachers, as well as gender & geographic balance. Whenever possible, any VTA member interested in participating in VTA-PAC meetings shall be included.
3. Meetings will be called by the Chair of VTA-PAC when there is business to conduct. Notification of such meetings will be made at the VTA Rep Council and to all schools prior to the VTA-PAC meeting. Meetings of VTA-PAC will be held at a time and place so that a majority of those interested in attending may attend.
4. The business of VTA-PAC may be conducted informally when there is consensus; if there is a division of the house, the meetings shall be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order.

Article 3 - Officers

1. The President of VTA shall appoint the Chairperson/Treasurer of the VTA-PAC, with the approval of the Executive Board. If the President wishes, separate appointments may be made for the Chair and the Treasurer.
2. The officer(s) of VTA-PAC shall serve for the full term of the President of VTA. (An) Officer(s) of VTA-PAC may be removed from office by the VTA President, with the approval of the Executive Board.
3. The Chairperson of VTA-PAC shall be responsible for calling meetings, notification of meetings at Rep Council, and selecting VTA members to participate in the VTA-PAC meetings, with notification to and the concurrence of the VTA Executive Board.. The Chair shall run the meetings in accordance with Article 2.4.

4. The Treasurer of VTA-PAC shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate accounting of the money in the VTA-PAC account in accordance with CTA guidelines, submitting an annual report to Exec Board, filing any required financial reports to the County Elections Office or the Fair Political Practices Commission, and signing all checks.
5. The VTA President shall be considered a non-voting member of the VTA-PAC, except in cases where the President's vote would break a deadlock.

Article 4 - Funding & Expenditures

1. Members may donate to the VTA-PAC through payroll deductions. These monies will remain segregated from the general VTA membership account.
2. Expenditures may be made for any purpose that is consistent with the statement of purpose as defined in Article 1 of these By-Laws. Expenditures (either single or cumulative during one meeting) must be approved according to the following policies.
 1. Amounts up to and including \$50 may be spent by the Chairperson/Treasurer without previous authorization of the VTA-PAC membership.
 2. Amounts between \$50 and \$500 may be spent with the approval of the VTA-PAC membership, with a recorded vote.
 3. Amounts over \$500 may be spent only with the approval of the VTA-PAC membership, with a recorded vote, and the concurrence of the VTA President.
 4. Amounts exceeding the yearly income of the VTA-PAC account may only be spent after the approval of the VTA-PAC membership and the concurrence of the VTA Exec Board.

Article 5 - Candidate and Issue Recommendation Procedures

1. VTA-PAC may recommend candidates for office after a thorough and fair process in which all candidates are given equal access to the PAC meeting, and a good faith effort has been made to determine their positions on educational issues. Any formal announcements shall make clear that Candidate or Issue Recommendations are by the Vacaville Teachers Association Political Action Committee only.
2. VTA-PAC may contribute only to recommended candidates, as per the guidelines of Article 4.2.

Article 6 - Changes and Amendments to the By-Laws

1. Amendments to the VTA-PAC By-Laws shall be approved by a majority vote at a VTA-PAC meeting (see Article 2), and then a majority vote at a VTA Rep Council meeting.