# Measuring and Communicating the Value of PACs

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## What We'll Cover



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#### Today's Agenda

- Demonstrating both quantity and quality
- Measurement tools important to internal stakeholders
- Benchmarking your program to gain support
- Connecting your PAC's activities to organizational priorities



## The Hurdles

- Lack of institutional or cultural buy-in
- Fear of putting "too much out there"
- Unable to control external factors
- Changing opinions of government, PACs, etc.
- People "too busy" to care





## What's the Point?

- Greater understanding of the PAC and PAC activities
- Leadership and stakeholder buy-in
- Knowing what the data is telling you
- Insight into where to put your time and resources
- Packaging your story for more involvement in the PAC
- TRANSPARENCY: Gaining donor trust...and contributions



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- Leadership
- Board
- Donors
- Government Affairs colleagues
- PAC Board



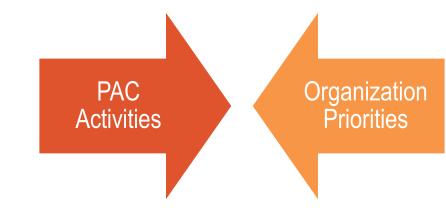


## Getting Feedback

What are your organization's priorities?

How does the PAC help?

Define your value proposition: How do others see the PAC?



- What information helps your stakeholders?
- How often do they need it?
- How do they want it?



## **Definitions of Success**

#### What does success look like?

- Candidates supported?
- Dollars raised?
- Eligibles engaged?
- Events hosted?
- Events attended?



WHAT are you trying to accomplish?



## Mission Statement?

#### Example:

We, the members of our PAC, in order to encourage involvement in the political process and to help the organization achieve its strategic goals:

- Support the election of the best candidates, irrespective of party,
- Embrace the value of civic and ethical responsibility,
- Encourage voting as the fundamental right of citizenship, and
- Educate ourselves on public policy issues that affect the association, our industry and our community.



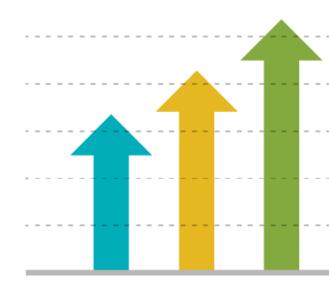
## What Metrics Should You Use?

**Traditional metrics** Metrics that show progress Metrics that show PAC-eligible engagement Benchmarking against peers Measures of scope of external impact/influence



## **Traditional Metrics**

- Total dollars raised (by segment)
- Participation rates (by segment)
- Number of new PAC members (by segment)
- Donor retention rate
- Disbursement success rate
- Bipartisanship





## Metrics That Show Progress

- # of PAC members who are new vs. returning
- # of PAC members who increased contribution level
- # of PAC members who jumped to a higher incentive club
- Cost to fundraise: \$ spent vs. \$ raised
- Average contribution/PAC member (trends over time)
- C-suite/leadership engaged in PAC events/solicitations
- Open rates/change in open rates over time
- Change in bipartisanship over time



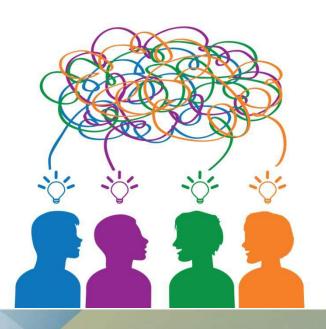
# PAC Eligible/ Donor Engagement Metrics

- PAC communications sent (newsletters, issue updates)
- # of candidates recommended by PAC board/PAC donors
- # of PAC peer-to-peer champions or ambassadors
  - New recruits
  - # of peer solicitor presentations/solicitations
- # of donor recognition opportunities offered
- Average time for contribution thank you to go out
- # of eligibles who participate in teleconference/briefing



# PAC-Eligible Engagement: Quantitative vs. Qualitative

- Who are your stakeholders?
- What do they know?
  - Surveys
  - Focus groups
- Are you increasing PAC chatter?
- What are you doing to educate eligibles?





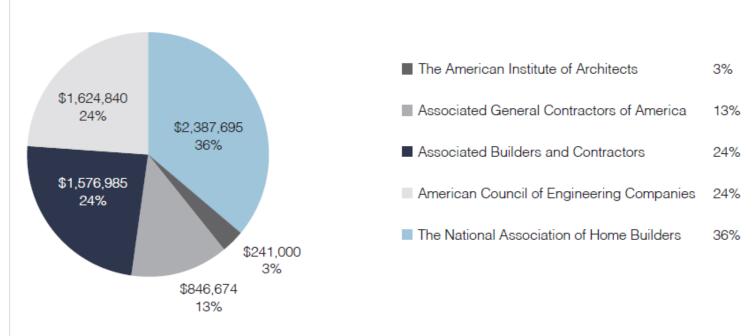
## Benchmarking

- Total receipts compared to competitors' PACs
  - FEC
  - Opensecrets.org
- Your activities compared to peers
  - PAC Benchmarking Report
  - Ask!
- Total dollars spent compared to competitors' PACs





# Share of Design & Construction PAC Contributions to Candidates in the 2014 Election



Disbursements include donations made to national political party committees.

## External Influence

- Number pro-organization or pro-industry candidates in office
- Outreach (e.g. number of fundraisers attended)
- Total dollars matched via PAC match
  - Total charities supported
- Fundraisers hosted
- # candidates given party credit for party contributions

#### INCUMBENTS

(All incumbents start with 0 points)

Members of the Leadership (Speaker, Party Leaders, Party Whips, Party Campaign

Committee Chairs, Conference/Caucus Chairs) + 4 Points

Chairs of Full Committee + 2 Points

Ranking Member of Full Committee +1 Point

Key Committee Members (Key Committees [for example]: House Transportation & Infrastructure; House Ways & Means; House Small Business; House Science; House Rules; House Energy & Commerce; House Appropriations; House Financial Services; Senate Business & Entrepreneurship; Senate Environment and Public Works; Senate Finance; Senate Energy & Natural Resources; Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation; Senate Appropriations)

+ 2 Points

Champions (designated by VP/Government Affairs in conjunction with staff)

+1 to +4 Points

PAC Member Requests (nominated by Fundraising Champions, based on PAC member input level set by achievement of fundraising goals)

National Party Targeted Candidates 2 or fewer points)

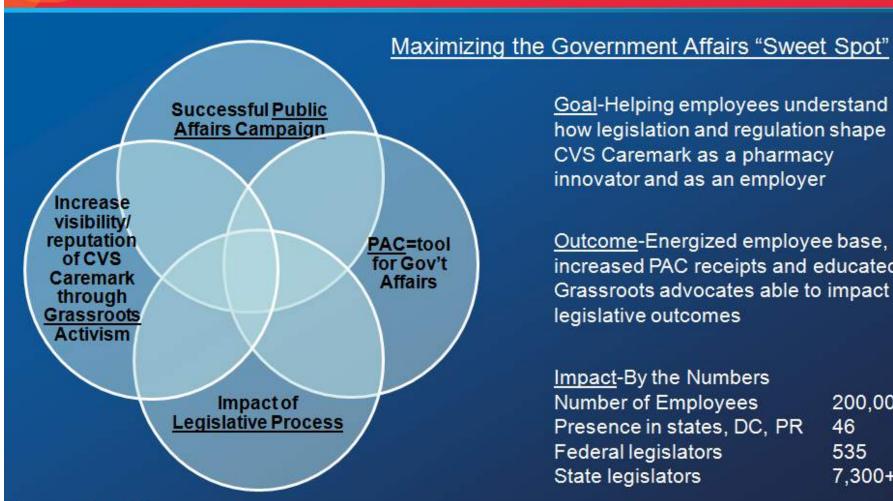
	Candidate Point Level	House	Senate
	4 or More	\$2,000 to 5,000	\$2,500 to 5,000
-	3 Points	\$1,000 to 2,500	\$2,000 to 5,000
	2 Points	\$1,000 to 2,000	\$2,000 to 3,000
	1 Point	\$500 to 1,000	\$1,000 to 2,000
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## Scope of Influence

- External impact: How many candidates have you supported?
  - How many won?
  - Number pro-industry candidates engaged
- Have you increased conversation around PAC?
- Did your PAC donors engage with candidates?
- Is PAC source of election/political information?
- What is the connection to organizational priorities?



### Demonstrating Impact on **Organizational Priorities**



Goal-Helping employees understand how legislation and regulation shape CVS Caremark as a pharmacy innovator and as an employer

Outcome-Energized employee base, increased PAC receipts and educated Grassroots advocates able to impact legislative outcomes

Impact-By the Numbers Number of Employees 200,000 Presence in states, DC, PR 46 Federal legislators 535 State legislators 7,300+



## The Goal:

Work smarter. *Measure and adjust.* 



## The Data Dig

#### Outside your organization:

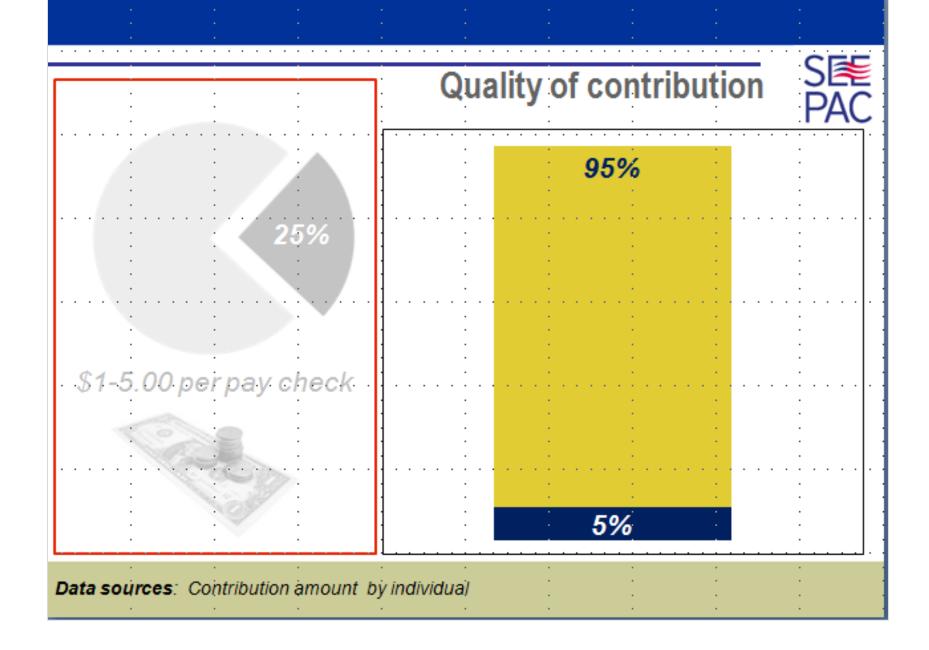
- Fundraising \$ and practices of peers
- Candidates supported by peers

#### Inside your organization:

- HR data
- Membership data
- Site/location comparisons (Corp)
- Chapter/member comparisons (Assoc)
- Where is your money coming from?
- What does your typical donor look like?







# How we did it

- Compare data using member IDs
- Use formulas to tabulate results.

#### Demographic Data

found in membership database Contribution Data

found in PAC records

Age

Time since completing Residency

Time since joining AAOMS

Partnership status (solo or group practice) Total contributions at data point

Average contribution at data point

% Participating at data point

% of total participants that fall in specified grouping



## Benefits of Using Your Data

- Identify low-hanging fruit
- Better use your time
- Know your growth potential
  - Know your risks!
- Better explain growth/stagnation
- Create plan of action for leadership to rally behind



# **Sharing What You Know:**

# Communicating With Your Stakeholders



## Reporting Out

## Why it matters:

- Transparency: internal and external
- Trust
- Consistency
- Show accomplishments





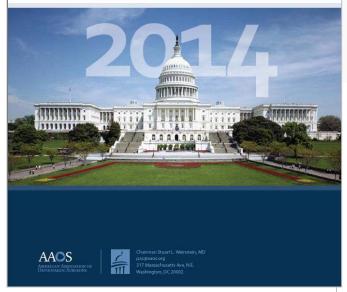
## Reporting Out

- Dedicated reporting to key stakeholders (board, leadership, peer champions)
- Status reports on website/newsletters
- Post-election updates

Division	\$ Goal	Total Raised to Date	% of Goal	Participation Goal	# Participants	% of Goal
Division A	\$52,000	\$37,000	71%	105	78	74%
Division B	\$28,000	\$8,000	29%	49	13	26%
Division C	\$63,000	\$35,000	56%	118	72	61%

#### **PACANNUAL REPORT**

American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons



#### 2013 - 2014 Political Disbursements / Election Review

American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons

Thanks to the generous support of PAC donors, the Orthopaedic PAC enjoyed tremendous success on election night. The PAC was involved in over 230 congressional races this election by supporting pro-physician incumbents, challengers and candidates in open seats.

In House races, the PAC enjoyed an 88 percent success rate in 213 races. Similarly, in the upper chamber, out of 22 races, 20 of those were won by incumbent members or candidates supported by the Orthopaedic PAC. In total, the PAC disbursed just over \$2.2 million across 22 Senate races and 213 House races.

#### Senate Totals:

Races:	22*
Open seats:	5
Challengers:	5
Democrats:	6
Republicans:	20
Primary Losses	3
General Losses	2
Total Losses in 2014 Cycle	5
Losses in Races Rated Tossup (on November 4)	1
Wins in Races Rated Tossup (on November 4)	7
Total Senate Wins:	20

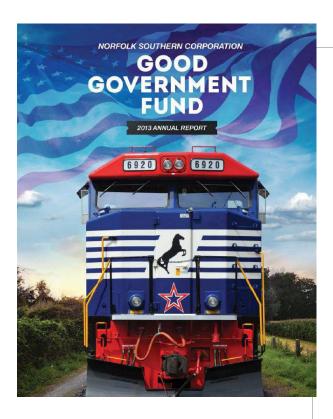
<sup>\*</sup>Multiple candidates were supported in some races

#### **House Totals:**

Races:	213	
Open seats:	22	
Challengers:	7	
Democrats:	80	
Republicans:	133	
Primary Losses:	10	
General Losses:	13	
Total Losses in 2014 Cycle	21	
Losses in Races Rated Tossup (on November 4)	up (on November 4) 7	
Wins in Races Rated Tossup (on November 4)	4	
Total House Wins:	189	

#### **U.S. House of Representatives:**

STATE/DISTRICT	MEMBER/CANDIDATE SUPPORTED BY PAC	ELECTION OUTCOME	
ALABAMA			
AL-02 AL-03 AL-06	Martha Roby-R Mike Rogers-R Chad Mathis, MD-R (Candidate)	Elected Elected Defeated in Primary	
ARIZONA			
AZ-02	Ron Barber-D	- * · · · · int	





GGF supporters gather in Norfolk for a Cookies with the Congressman event hosted by the GGF with special guest Congressman Randy Forbes of Virginia.

Marchant Kenny	\$2,000.00	U.S. House	TX	REP	FC
McCaul Michael	\$5,000.00	U.S. House	TX	REP	FC
Sessions Pete	\$5,000.00	U.S. House	TX	REP	FC
Smith Lamar	\$2,500.00	U.S. House	TX	REP	FC
Williams Roger	\$4,000.00	U.S. House	TX	REP	FC
U.S.					
Dem Cong Camp Cmte (DCCC)	\$15,000.00	National Party Crite-Fed Acct	US	DEM	FC
Dem Sen Camp. Cmte (DSCC)	\$15,000.00	National Party Crite-Fed Acct	US	DEM	FC
Natl Rep Cong Cmte (NRCC)	\$15,000.00	National Party Cmte-Fed Acct	US	REP	FC
Natl Rep Sen Crite (NRSC)	\$15,000.00	National Party Cmte-Fed Acct	US	REP	FC
New Democrat Coalition PAC (NDCPAC)	\$5,000.00	Federal PAC	US	DEM	FC
Republican Main Street Partnership PAC	\$5,000.00	Federal PAC	US	REP	FC
UTAH					
Constitutional Conservatives Fund (Lee-US S-UT)	-\$5,000.00	Federal Leadership PAC	UT	REP	FC
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## Use Visuals

- Increases understanding of data
- Easy way to show growth, trends
- Tout success stories
- Make it personal
- Show facility/regional/state success





Mayor Sharon Quirk-Silva, middle right, of Fullerton, California and the Fullerton City Council celebrate the relocation and grand reopening of Store 6893, the oldest store in the Western Division.

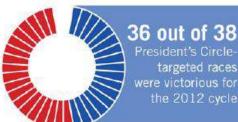


Congressman Charlie Dent (R-PA), middle right, visits RDC 5034 in Breinigsville, Pennsylvania.

#### Thank you Your support of The Home Depot Political Action Committee is critical to accomplishing our goal of helping elect pro-business candidates to public office who understand our position on legislative issues. This helps grow the top and bottom lines of our business, and also protects the values our Company was founded upon. Through your commitment to our PAC and to OrangeVoice, our Company made quite an imPACt: 12,000 POLITICALLY ENGAGED ASSOCIATES \$ 1,466,000 1 400 000 RAISED CONTRIBUTED 15TH LARGEST CORPORATE PAC 2ND LARGEST RETAIL PAC MATCHED APPROXIMATELY \$\$\$\$\$ \$660,000 \$\$\$\$\$ **580 Charities** 2012 INDUSTRY PAC RECEIPTS INCREASED COMPANY-WIDE PAC PARTICIPATION TO **INCREASE** THEIR CONTRIBUTION

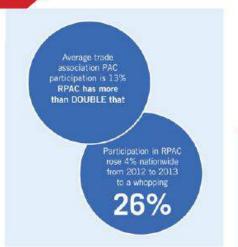
### RPAC the #1 trade association political action committee in the nation

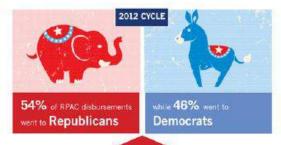
NAR advocates for policy initiatives that result in the continued creation of a fundamentally sound and dynamic U.S. real estate market





in direct contributions to federal candidates, leadership PACs and national political party committees, making RPAC the top PAC in candidate contributions in the 2012 cycle



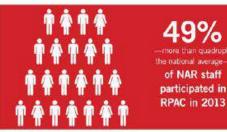


RPAC raised

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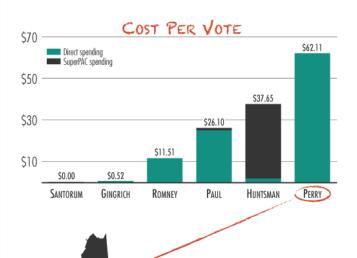
a 11% increase over 2012

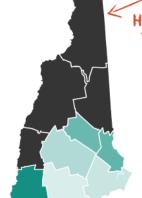




#### THE COST OF WINNING (AND LOSING)

How much each candidate spent per vote in the NH primary\*





HOW MUCH PERRY SPENT PER VOTE, COUNTY BY COUNTY

 CHESIRE:
 \$182.23

 HILLSBOROUGH:
 \$29.37

 MERRIMACK:
 \$60.26

 BELKNAP:
 \$116.35

 STRAFFORD:
 \$122.97

 ROCKINGHAM:
 \$42.13

\*Data collected only from Boston media market counties of Cheshire, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Belknap, Strafford and Rockingham.

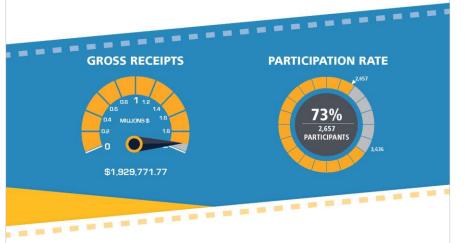
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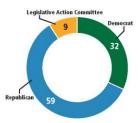
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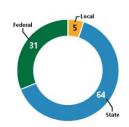


#### 2014 TREASURER'S REPORT





Contributions by Party			
Party	Percentage		
Democrat			
Republican	59%		
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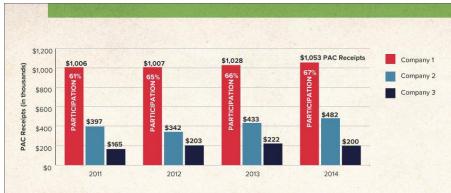
 Level
 Percentage

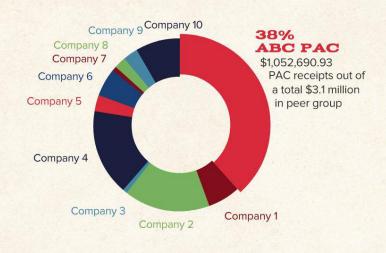
 Local
 5%

 State
 6.4%

 Federal
 31%

Contributions by Level of





## Takeaways

- √ Gain consensus
- ✓ Measure on a variety of metrics
- ✓ Benchmark to inspire and to create a baseline/goal
- ✓ Standardize your reporting
- ✓ Invest in your stakeholders
- ✓ Be visual
- ✓ Have fun



# Questions?

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