



Frequently Asked Questions

CSA is committed to advocating for our patients and promoting the practice of anesthesiology in California. One of the most important ways to support this effort is to contribute to our Greater Anesthesia Services Political Action Committee (GASPAC).

What is the role of GASPAC?

GASPAC exists to help elect, educate and build long-standing relationships with elected leaders and officials at the state level who understand the important role anesthesiologists play in protecting patients in California. Any individual or corporation may contribute, but GASPAC primarily solicits contributions from concerned individual anesthesiologists, anesthesia groups and other anesthesia related corporate entities across the state and distributes those funds to elected officials and candidates for state offices.

How can I contribute to GASPAC?

Giving to GASPAC is easy! At the beginning of each year CSA sends a contribution form to each member. GASPAC contributions are not mandatory and you do not need to be a member of CSA to contribute. However, you can contribute up to \$7,000 each calendar year and are invited to contribute at one of the following levels:

\$300	Leadership Club
\$500	Golden State Club
\$1,000	Governor's Club
\$7,000	President's Club

Anyone can contribute to GASPAC anytime by visiting www.csahq.org and clicking on the "Membership" tab and then clicking on the "Donate to GASPAC" tab.

Why should an individual or anesthesia group contribute to GASPAC above and beyond the amount requested with the CSA membership dues?

Although a completely separate legal entity and governed apart from CSA, GASPAC works in conjunction with the CSA grassroots efforts and government affairs advocacy team to support legislators and statewide elected officials who will help advance the practice of physician-led and patient-centered anesthesia care. It's really all about helping those who believe in the mission of CSA to get elected or stay in office.

What is the maximum amount an individual or anesthesia group can contribute in a calendar year?

A single entity cannot contribute more than \$7,000 to GASPAC per calendar year. An anesthesia group is considered a separate entity than its individual members. Therefore an anesthesia group can give the maximum level, and the individual members are still encouraged to give the maximum contributions as individuals as well. Unlike ASAPAC, you DO NOT have to be a member of CSA to contribute to GASPAC.

What is the maximum amount an individual or anesthesia group can contribute to an elected official?

In addition to giving to GASPAC, an individual or anesthesia group can also contribute directly to a candidate or elected official. The maximum for legislators and candidates is \$8,400 per election cycle (i.e., two-years for Assembly and four-years for Senate). The maximum contribution level to the Governor is \$56,400 per four-year election cycle. Maximum contributions to other statewide officers (i.e., Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Controller, Insurance Commissioner, Supt. of Public Instruction, and Board of Equalization) are \$14,100 per four-year election cycle. There is no limit to how many elected officials or candidates an individual or anesthesia group can support.

What about contributions to other political interests?

There are NO CONTRIBUTION LIMITS to political parties and ballot initiative campaign committees. Many interest groups give millions every year to garner support for their agenda.

Are any contributions to GASPAC, candidates or elected officials tax deductible?

No.

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