

# **MEA-PAC Policies and Procedures**

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### **Foreword**

The Michigan Education Association Political Action Committee (MEA-PAC) was born in 1971 by action of the MEA Representative Assembly. During its formative years, MEA-PAC concentrated on helping MEA members understand the important art of politics, emphasizing basics as well as modern techniques to target specific issues and candidates in local and state elections.

In 1974, for the first time in its 123-year history, MEA recommended a governor, two candidates for the State Board of Education, 29 state Senate seats and 70 races for the state House of Representatives. MEA-PAC compiled a 90-percent win record.

MEA-PAC's source of energy—its basic tool—is member power!

Organized member power translates into political clout—necessary because nearly all decisions affecting teachers, support staff, retirees and education are made by politicians, the elected representatives at the local, state and national levels.

MEA-PAC's purpose is to create an articulate and forceful voice for MEA members that is heard by members of the Michigan Legislature, the U.S. Congress and every school board in the state.

Major functions of coordinating council PACs include screening and recommending candidates for office and determining the quality of ballot issues such as millages.

Organizations such as MEA-PAC require effective structure, policies and procedures that provide maximum potential for getting the job done. Contained herein are the basic policies and procedures adopted by MEA-PAC to accomplish the task.

The one indispensable fact about MEA-PAC is obvious:

MEA volunteers make it work! . . . and the next election is just around the corner.