

## PACE: Building Political Power for Social Workers

Political Action for Candidate Election (PACE) is the political action arm of the

National Association of Social Workers. As a political action committee, PACE endorses and financially contributes to candidates from any party who support NASW's policy agenda. The national PACE Board of Trustees \* endorses (endorsement process and criteria)\* and contributes to federal candidates running for U.S. House and Senate seats; state chapter PACE units decide on local and state races.

## Get Involved – Vote – Volunteer - Nominate

NASW-LA members can influence elections (and therefore legislation, government, and policy) if we vote. Therefore, we must all participate in efforts to mobilize social workers and others to vote for candidates endorsed by NASW LAPACE.

Social workers can help by volunteering for campaigns for candidates that are endorsed by PACE.

**2015 Louisiana Elections:** Louisiana elections are upcoming and the slate of positions will encompass from Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Legislators and other Statewide positions, as well as, District and local communities. Help us assess and evaluate the candidates to ensure that social work values are supported by the candidate that would be best for our profession.

**Nominating a Candidate:** NASW-LA members can nominate candidates that are running for office in their community, parish, district, or state by completing the Nomination Form (*See link on Home Page*). Complete the form and submit it to the Chapter Office at NASW-LA, C/O LA PACE, 700 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Once form is received by the Chapter Office, the LA PACE Committee will schedule meetings to review nomination forms for upcoming elections and determines if the candidate supports NASW's policies. Committee then decides if NASW-LA will endorse candidate, endorse and contribute or no endorse. Member making nomination will be notified of committee's decision.