



Frequently Asked Questions about Participating in ForgingPAC

1. Why is FIA establishing ForgingPAC?

One of the key ways FIA strives to help forgers be competitive is through our public policy advocacy efforts in Washington, DC, which are dedicated to making sure Members of Congress understand forging and the issues of concern to forgers. That effort has been successful during the past 5 years, but it is limited to educating Members of Congress AFTER they have been elected. ForgingPAC has been established by the FIA Board of Directors to promote political participation among the employees of FIA and the approved class of member company participants and others with an interest in the forging industry through voluntary personal financial participation in the elective process at the federal level of government. Contributions to ForgingPAC will be used to help elect candidates that are supportive of U.S. forgers and the forging industry, and that support policies to increase U. S. manufacturing competitiveness.

2. Who can contribute to ForgingPAC?

Participation in ForgingPAC is voluntary and open to all exempt employees of FIA and their families that are U.S. citizens; eligible employees, owners and/or shareholders of member companies and their families that are U.S. citizens where the member company has given FIA permission to solicit these individuals; and other U.S. citizens with an interest in the forging industry, as permitted by federal election law.

3. What kind of candidates will ForgingPAC support in the 2010 midterm elections?

The ForgingPAC Steering Committee has selected the following criteria for determining which candidates are eligible for ForgingPAC contributions.

ForgingPAC will support candidates that:

- Support policies that are supportive of U.S. forgers and the forging industry;
- Support policies that promote and increase U. S. manufacturing competitiveness;
- Support policies that reduce regulatory burdens on U.S. manufacturers, such as increased healthcare costs and increased taxes on small and medium businesses;
- Support policies that promote increased domestic supplies of oil and natural gas, alternative energy sources such as wind and nuclear, and a healthy energy-intensive U.S. manufacturing base;
- Support policies that promote free and fair trade, including providing access to adequate supplies of globally priced raw materials;
- Support policies that protect intellectual property rights; and
- Oppose policies that make U.S. forgers less competitive.

In addition, ForgingPAC will consider the following factors in determining contributions:

- Members of Congress who serve on Committees with jurisdiction over issues of importance to U.S. forgers;
- Members of Congress who serve in leadership positions of importance to U.S. forgers; and
- Candidates who have an understanding of manufacturing in general and the forging industry in particular.

4. Who is in charge of ForgingPAC and how are decisions made about political contributions?

ForgingPAC is operated as a separate segregated fund Political Action Committee of FIA under the regulations established by the Federal Election Commission (FEC). FIA has prepared a set of bylaws that govern ForgingPAC and establish guidelines for the formation of a ForgingPAC Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is responsible for final decisions on how ForgingPAC funds will be dispersed based on the guiding principles in the bylaws and FEC rules.

5. How do I contribute to ForgingPAC?

To contribute, fill out the attached *ForgingPAC Contribution Form* and return it with your personal contribution to FIA. Contributions to ForgingPAC must be from U.S. citizens, drawn on personal funds, and are not tax deductible.

6. Are there limits to how much I can contribute to ForgingPAC?

The maximum an individual can contribute to a Political Action Committee such as ForgingPAC in 2010 is \$5,000 per year. A joint contribution made by more than one person using a single check (i.e., a husband and wife on a joint account) is attributed equally to each account holder for purposes of annual contribution limits.