



EMPAC
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NWPC-STL

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SECTION I: Name, Purpose, Affiliation, Jurisdiction

A. Name

This resource and the organization surrounding the administration thereof shall be known as the Women’s Political Caucus Eastern Missouri Political Action Committee (herein referred to as EMPAC).

B. Purpose

The object of the EMPAC shall be to financially support candidates, or ballot measures, committed to our ideals of the feminist viewpoint being represented in the political process. The EMPAC’s objective shall be sought wholly without political partisanship.

C. Affiliation

The EMPAC shall be an arm of the National Women’s Political Caucus of Metro St. Louis, hereinafter NWPC-STL.

D. Jurisdiction

The geographical jurisdiction of the EMPAC will be the State of Missouri, focusing on areas east of Columbia and Jefferson City.

SECTION II: Administration of the EMPAC:

A Board of Directors constituted as noted below shall conduct the affairs of the EMPAC.

A. Composition

The Board of Directors shall be composed of nine (9) members: seven (7) elected members from NWPC-STL, the Endorsement Chair, the President of the NWPC-STL.

B. Election

NWPC-STL will elect seven (7) of its members in good standing to the Board of Directors of the EMPAC. These members will be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting. All terms of elected members will be three years in length. If one of these seats is vacated before the end of a term, the Policy Council of the NWPC-STL shall appoint a member to serve the remainder of the term.

C. Term of Office

A person may be elected to up to two consecutive three-year terms as an EMPAC Board member. This section shall not prohibit an elected member from serving three or more terms as long as such terms are not consecutive.

D. Vote

Each member of the EMPAC Board of Directors shall have one vote.

E. Officers

The EMPAC Board of Directors will elect or re-elect from among themselves a person to fill each of the following positions at the first Caucus meeting of odd-numbered years:

1. Chairperson
2. Records Chair
3. Treasurer

Note: In the event the Chairperson is absent, the Treasurer shall act as Chair.

F. Meetings; Quorum

The Chairperson or any two members of the Board may call a meeting at any time they feel it is necessary at a place which they determine. A quorum shall consist of five (5) directors, at least one of whom shall be an officer of the Board.

G. Endorsements

1. The EMPAC may only contribute to candidates or ballot measures that have been endorsed by the NWPC-STL and/or the Missouri Women's Political Caucus. Board members should use their own discretion and budget considerations in deciding whether or not to contribute funding to each endorsed candidate or ballot measure.
2. The EMPAC Board shall use candidate questionnaires and other information gathered by the Caucus and EMPAC Board to make funding decisions.
3. Contributions will vary in size but cannot exceed the limits set by state law.
4. The EMPAC Board may authorize making independent expenditures on behalf of an endorsed candidate.
5. The EMPAC will follow all campaign finance laws, including filing reports with the Missouri Ethics Commission.

H. Emergency Action

All Board of Director members must be notified if there is a request for emergency action. Contributions can be made if five (5) members contacted by e-mail or telephone consent.

I. Bylaw Amendments

Bylaws may only be amended or suspended by a majority vote of the National Women's Political Caucus of Metro St. Louis.

J. Conflicts of Interest

Any member of the EMPAC Board of Directors who serves on the paid campaign staff of a Caucus-endorsed candidate eligible to receive contributions from EMPAC shall recuse herself from voting on any decision that affects that candidate. Similarly, any paid political consultant expecting to solicit or receive payments for services to a Caucus-endorsed candidate eligible to receive contributions from EMPAC shall recuse herself from voting on any decision that affects that campaign.

SECTION III: DISSOLUTION

In the case of the dissolution of the Eastern Missouri Political Action Committee, any remaining funds should be distributed to the NWPC-STL or endorsed candidates as allowed by law.