

**Florida Beer Wholesalers Good Government Committee
and Florida Beer Wholesalers Political Committee**

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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Article 1 - Introduction

Florida Beer Wholesalers Good Government Committee and Florida Beer Wholesalers Political Committee are collectively political action committees (“PACs”) organized to support electing candidates committed to upholding the three-tier system and other policies identified as important to the beer industry.

The PACs are independent political committees and do not represent the views of any individual beer wholesaler, association or other industry member.

The policies and procedures located in this document are guidelines to assist the Officers in the operation and administration of the PACs. These policies and procedures are intended to cover the operation and administration of the PACs. Where appropriate, distinctions are made.

These policies and procedures may be amended by a unanimous vote of the Officers.

Article 2 - Governance

Section 1 – Board of Trustees

There shall be five Trustees selected by beer wholesalers who contribute to the PACs to make up the Board of Trustees (Board).

Section 2 – Officers

There shall be a Chairman and Treasurer for the PACs, appointed by the Board of Trustees. There shall also be a registered agent for the PAC selected by the Board.

Section 3 - Fiduciary Responsibility

The Board and registered agent for the PACs are charged with the responsibility of assuring that all contributions made to a candidate, party, or leadership committee are made in the best interests of the industry.

Article 3 - Administration

Section 1 - General Administration and Budget

The registered agent is responsible for the general administration and accounting for the PACs. The costs associated with administration of the PACs are paid for by the PACs or may be paid by another supporting entity.

Section 2 - Compliance

The registered agent is responsible for assuring compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations that apply to PAC operations and fundraising activities, including the filing of all required reports.

Section 3 - Communications

The registered agent is responsible for providing the Board with periodic updates on monies raised and spent by the PACs.

Article 4 - PAC Fundraising

Section 1 – Primary Contributions

Periodically, but not less than annually, the Board will establish fundraising objectives for the PACs. The suggested PAC fundraising objectives will be invoiced as suggested company contributions based on the roster of PAC contributors. The suggested contributions will be calculated on a pro-rata basis using the past contributors' recent twelve-month malt beverage case equivalent sales.

Section 2 – Other Contributions

In addition to primary contributions, the PACs may accept contributions from others so long as their interests are aligned with the purpose of the PACs as stated in Article 1.

Article 5 – Contributions

Section 1 - Generally

A. The PACs shall generally support only one candidate per race in the primary and one candidate per race in the general election unless an exception is approved by the Board.

Contributions are made on a non-partisan basis. Level of financial support to candidates is based upon one or more of the following factors as weighed by staff and the Board:

1. Support for the beer industry and legislative issues as determined by Board or registered agent;
2. Voting record on industry legislative issues during the current and previous legislative sessions;
3. Accessibility to industry members in Tallahassee, Florida and the district;
4. Membership in a key committees and/or party leadership;
5. Potential for winning an election given demographics of district and candidate makeup of race;
6. Incumbency; and
7. Whether candidate is running for an open seat.

Section 3 – Florida Beer Wholesaler PACs

A. All contributions will be made in accordance with state law, including compliance with contribution limits.

B. Contributions are limited to the candidate committees of candidates for the following:

- Florida House of Representatives
- State Senate
- Governor
- Attorney General
- Chief Financial Officer
- Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- State Party Committees
- Leadership PACs
- Local Races, where appropriate