



August 28, 2026

2026-2027 PAC GOVERNING BOARD

Description

NCRA PAC's goal is to raise money through contributions in order to disburse those funds to supportive, key elected officials. Generally speaking, the giving strategy for the Political Action Committee is to focus on Senators and Representatives who sit on key committees, have been stalwart supporters of our profession, have legal or law enforcement backgrounds, hold a leadership post, have some personal connection to the industry, etc. NCRA PAC prides itself on judiciously and effectively contributing to political campaigns.

The Governing Board of NCRA PAC (hereinafter, "the Board") shall consist of between seven and eleven members including a Chair, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and four to eight members. The Chair shall serve for a term of one year, and the same individual may not hold the office of Chair for more than three terms. The Board shall consist of no fewer than four (4) and no more than eight (8) members. Each member shall serve for a term of two years with no limit as to how many terms an individual is allowed to serve as a member.

			Term Begins	Term Ends
Co-Chair	Isaiah Leslie	Santa Ana, CA	Co-Chair, 2026-27 2025-26, 2024-25, Member 2023-24	2027-28
Co-Chair	Darlene Devlin	Riverhead, NY	Co-Chair, 2026-27 Member: 2024-25, 2025-26	2027-28
Members	Kim Garner-Ulmer	Raleigh, MS	2025-26	2026-27
	Andrea Kreutz, CLVS	Des Moines, IA	2025-26	2026-27
	Candace O'Barr-Jones	Jackson, MS	2025-26	2026-27
	Lance Oviatt	Jackson, WY	2025-26	2026-27
	Naola "Sam" Vaughn, RPR, CRR, CRC	Tonganoxie, KS	2026-27	2027-28
Treasurer	Dave Wenhold, CAE, PLC, Executive Director			
Assistant Treasurer	Kelly Keyes-Linkowski, RPR, CRR, CRC, CRI, CPE, Secretary-Treasurer			
Staff Liaison	Colin Brehm, Manager, State Government Relations			

Charges:

- On the first conference call of the year, the NCRA PAC Governing Board should discuss and approve the staff-developed spending plan for the association year.
- Develop strategies for outreach to membership on increasing both the dollar amount and number of contributors that NCRA PAC receives.
 - Develop articles for JCR Weekly monthly.
 - Assist with state leader outreach to encourage participation in PAC fundraising.
- Establish donor levels and develop gifts and incentives to encourage new and existing donors to continue to contribute to NCRA PAC.
- Conduct potential candidate research on individuals who are running for federal office who have a relationship to the court reporting or legal industry and would be a strong champion for NCRA once in office.
- Plan fundraiser for NCRA's Conference & Expo.

Note¹: Appointed year equals the latter part of the year (i.e. 2027 indicates appointed in the 2026-2027 association year).

Note²: All committee appointments are for a one-year term unless otherwise specified.