# TelePAC

## The Voice of Iowa's Independent Telecommunication Providers

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# Why Contribute to TelePAC?

TelePAC supports Iowa candidates and incumbents who *appreciate* the integral role that rural telecom companies serve in Iowa communities.

TelePAC supports legislators who *listen*. Legislators are better equipped to vote for fair and balanced policies when they *understand* the challenges faced by the communications industry.

TelePAC contributions send a clear message that the rural communications industry is *committed* to participating in the legislative process. To ensure a level playing field and healthy business

environment, it is crucial to *advocate* for policy that empowers the rural telecom industry. TelePAC contributions are often presented to legislators by Alliance members who provide service in their districts and this reinforces the strength of our *grassroots* network.

TelePAC depends on the participation and donations from Alliance members. Member contributions are essential to the efforts of TelePAC to elect legislators who will *champion* the rural communications industry.

## How to Contribute to TelePAC?

TelePAC encourages all levels of monetary contributions. Some members contribute \$5, while others contribute \$500. The most frequent contribution amount in 2019 was \$100. Some people write one check per year, while others send in periodic payments or establish online payments. TelePAC understands that members have varying levels of income and financial responsibilities and we encourage members to tailor contribution amounts to their budget and comfort level – *no contribution is too small, and all contributions are appreciated*!

#### To contribute:

Make check payable to: Iowa Telecommunications Industry PAC Mail to: TelePAC 4201 Westown Pkwy, Ste. 130 West Des Moines, IA 50266

Or <u>click here to contribute online</u> using the secure form.



# **TelePAC Success**

TelePAC made contributions to dozens of candidates in 2019, both before the Legislative session began last January, and after it ended. The impact was felt with yet another strongly successful legislative year for ICA's advocacy team with a record three pieces of legislation approved and signed into law by the Governor!

This level of success is a credit to TelePAC's long history of stable fundraising and judicious political investments. Rural telecom issues are not Republican or Democrat – that is why TelePAC contributes to candidates on both sides of the aisle. Instead of following a party line, your contributions help TelePAC support legislators who understand the importance of the rural telecom companies in Iowa, listen to the challenges faced by the industry, and champion policies that facilitate local companies to

continue providing excellent service and groundbreaking technology to Iowans.

The 2020 legislative session goals include more efforts to improve Iowa's broadband grant program, find other incentives to encourage more broadband buildout, and defeat harmful measures that would

negatively impact your company's operations.

Throughout 2019, ICA members leveraged TelePAC funding to support both new and experienced legislators.



# **Impressive Participation, Boards Contributing 100% in 2019**

Nineteen ICA member companies had 100% Board participation in 2019. In addition, Lone Rock Cooperative Telephone Company, Oran Mutual Telephone Company, and Iowa Communications Alliance reported 100% staff participation. Jefferson Telephone Company, Premier Communications, and South Slope Cooperative Communications Company report 100% management staff participation.

If you also achieved 100% staff or 100% management staff participation, please let us know so we can also recognize your generous participation.

### 100% of the Board of Directors contributed to TelePAC in 2019:

Aureon Citizens Mutual Telephone Company CL Tel Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company-Harlan Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative Huxley Communications Jefferson Telephone Company Lone Rock Cooperative Telephone Company Lost Nation Elwood Northwest Communications Oran Mutual Telephone Premier Communications South Slope Cooperative Communications Company Templeton Telephone Company Titonka-Burt Communications Van Buren Telephone Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association Western Iowa Networks Winnebago Cooperative Telecom

<u>Click here to see a list of all TelePAC contributors</u>—thanks again!