Seminar Information

Who should attend this seminar?

- Treasurers and staff of trade associations, membership and labor organizations and their political action committees who have responsibility for compliance with federal campaign finance laws
- Attorneys, accountants and consultants who have clients that are these types of organizations
- Anyone who wants to gain in-depth knowledge of federal campaign finance law as it applies to these types of organizations
- Anyone who wants to learn about recent changes resulting from legislation and litigation

What is the schedule/program?
The schedule for the seminar is attached.

How do I know if I’m with a Trade Association or a Membership Organization? Which track should I sign up for?
Several workshops are divided into one track for trade associations and another track for membership and labor organizations. It is important to go to the track applicable to your type of organization because each type has some rules specific to it.

Your organization is a trade association under FEC regulations if its membership is engaged in a similar or related line of commerce or business and if the organization promotes and tries to improve the business conditions of its membership. If this describes your organization, you should sign up for the trade association track. The track for labor organizations and membership organizations focuses on rules specific to those types of organizations, including labor organizations and other types of incorporated membership organizations (e.g., chambers of commerce, 501(c)(4) corporations). If you are still unsure which track to enroll in after reading this description, please e-mail Conferences@fec.gov for assistance.

May nonconnected or corporate PAC representatives attend this seminar?
You may attend, but the content of this seminar is not tailored to your type of organization. The Commission will host a number of roundtables and conferences throughout the Summer and Fall tailored to PACs. To view the full list of events, please visit our web site at http://www.fec.gov/info/outreach.shtml. For additional information on roundtables and conferences, please e-mail the FEC at Conferences@fec.gov or call the FEC’s Information Division at 1-800-424-9530 (Press 6).
Are there workshops for beginners?
Yes. The workshop entitled *Basics for Beginners* provides an overview of campaign finance law that is particularly beneficial to newcomers. Beginners also benefit from the chance to network with more experienced campaign finance law professionals and share ideas with each other.

How about someone who is a seasoned campaign finance law veteran - Does this seminar fit their needs?
Yes. Advanced workshops are offered on topics such as trade/membership/labor communications and recent developments in campaign finance law. All of the workshops are updated regularly to ensure that attendees receive the very latest information. Moreover, FEC seminars offer an opportunity for both beginners and advanced attendees to network with one another, to share ideas and to learn from each other.

Registration Information

What is the registration fee?
The registration fee is $100 per attendee. Payment by credit card is required prior to the seminar; checks will not be accepted. *A full refund will be made for all cancellations received before 5 p.m. EDT on June 3; no refund will be made for cancellations received after that date and time.*

How do I register?
Visit [http://www.fec.gov/info/conferences/2011/tradememberlaborseminar.shtml](http://www.fec.gov/info/conferences/2011/tradememberlaborseminar.shtml) to download our screen-fillable registration form. Please e-mail your registration form and credit card payment information to Conferences@fec.gov or fax to 202/219-8504 by 5 p.m. EDT on June 3, 2011.

Please call the FEC or e-mail Conferences@fec.gov prior to registering to ensure there is space available in the seminar. After we receive your registration, we will send you an e-mail to confirm your registration. If you have any questions about registration, please contact the Information Division at (202) 694-1100 or e-mail Conferences@fec.gov.

Logistics

Where is the seminar being held?
The seminar will be held at the FEC’s headquarters at 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC. Please allow a few extra minutes to go through security upon your arrival at the FEC.

What hotel arrangements do I need to make?
Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations at a hotel of their choosing. Hotels that are within walking distance to the FEC include:
- Courtyard by Marriott Washington Convention Center
- Hotel Monaco
- Grand Hyatt
- J.W. Marriott
- Marriott at Metro Center
Note that the FEC is providing a list of nearby hotels for the convenience of attendees, but, as a government agency, may not endorse any of them. We recommend that you do not finalize your hotel/travel reservations until you have received a confirmation of your registration from the FEC.

**How do I get to the FEC?**
The FEC recommends that attendees use public transportation to reach the FEC. The FEC is located at 10th and E Street, N.W., in between the Metro Center (Red/Orange/Blue lines) and Gallery Place (Green/Red/Yellow lines) Metro stations. If you drive, there are several pay parking lots located near the FEC; however, many of these fill before 8 a.m.

**What should I wear?**
While there is no formal dress code for our seminars, attendees typically wear business casual attire.

**Additional Questions:**
Call 1-800/424-9530 (press 6) (local DC: 202/694-1100) or e-mail Conferences@fec.gov.
8:00 - 8:30 AM — Registration

8:30 - 8:45 AM — Welcome

8:45 - 9:00 AM — Break

9:00 - 10:30 AM — Breakout Workshops
(Choose One Option)

Option 1A: Basics for Beginners
• Overview of FECA
• Contributions and expenditures
• Filing information

Option 1B: Recent Developments in the Law
(Do not select option 1B if you have not previously attended an FEC workshop.)
• Important court cases
• Recent legislation and regulations

10:30 - 10:45 AM — Break

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM — Team Workshops:
PAC Operations, Part 1
(Please choose the option that applies to the organization you represent)

Option 2A: Trade Associations
• Solicitation notices
• Collecting contributions
• Fundraising techniques

Option 2B: Membership and Labor Organizations
• Solicitation notices
• Collecting contributions
• Fundraising techniques

12:15 - 1:15 PM — Lunch Break
Lunch on your own. A list of eateries will be provided.

1:15 - 2:45 PM — Team Workshops,
PAC Operations, Part 2

Option 2A: Trade Associations
• Methods for supporting federal candidates
• Types of PAC communications

Option 2B: Membership and Labor Organizations
• Methods for supporting federal candidates
• Types of PAC communications

2:45 - 3:00 PM — Break

3:00 - 4:00 PM — Breakout Workshops
(Choose One Option)

Option 3A: Trade/Member/Labor Communications and Resources
• Permitted organization communications
• Use of organization facilities

Option 3B: Electronic Filing: Hands on Training with FECFile
• Learn how FECFile works and its features

4:00 - 4:30 PM — Meet Your Analyst
An opportunity to meet your Campaign Finance Analyst, the person who reviews your committee’s reports, and discuss your questions regarding reporting and the FEC’s review process.