

## *About VSHP's Political Action Committee*

In 1999 the VSHP Board of Directors recognized that VSHP's political activity had evolved from more of a reactive to a proactive position and they determined that it was time to launch a political action committee (PAC) to support and enhance this increased activity. The Board believed the time had come for it to support those candidates and incumbents who shared VSHP's beliefs on health-system pharmacy issues in particular as well as broader more general health care issues. They believed the PAC was the best tool they could devise to advance this effort. Since 1999, the VSHP PAC has given over \$10,000 to members of the General Assembly who have been supportive of VSHP and who serve on key health-related committees and commissions. The following list of purposes is excerpted from the VSHP PAC bylaws.

The purposes of the Committee are:

- A. To promote and strive for the improvement of government by encouraging and stimulating health-system pharmacists and others to become more active and involved in government at every level.
- B. To encourage health-system pharmacists and others to understand the nature and actions of their government, with regards to important political issues as well as the records and positions of office holders and candidates for elective office.
- C. To assist health-system pharmacists and others in organizing themselves for more effective political action and in carrying out their civic responsibilities.
- D. To help elect those best fitted for public office.
- E. To promulgate the legislative initiatives of VSHP as directed by the VSHP Board of Directors.

Current members of the VSHP PAC Board are:

Officers--

- Chair—Gayle Slifka, Richmond
- Vice Chair—Patty Giese, Northern VA
- Secretary/Treasurer—Fred Chatelain, Northern VA

Members at large—

- Bobby Ison, Tidewater
- Bob Stoneburner, VSHP President-elect, Tidewater
- Tim Jennings, VSHP President, Tidewater
- Rodney Stiltner, VSHP Legislative Chair, Richmond
- Rebecca Collins, Richmond
- Teresa Gregson, Lobbyist
- Kelly Gill, VSHP Executive Director

