American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network™ (ACS CAN) Answers your questions!

- **What’s the difference between the American Cancer Society and ACS CAN?**

  ACS CAN is a sister organization to the American Cancer Society. It was created to enable the steady growth of advocacy efforts that aim to eliminate cancer through legislative action. Because of the American Cancer Society’s nonprofit status and IRS guidelines, it is unable to take on these efforts to the extent of ACS CAN.

- **How will ACS CAN do its part in eliminating cancer?**

  Among other legislative activities, ACS CAN will:
  - Create and distribute voter guides, detailing candidates’ positions on specific health-related issues, to ACS volunteers and donors
  - Host debates, town forums, and other events around the country where candidates’ views on cancer-related issues are tested and discussed
  - Engage in more active lobbying on cancer issues for all ACS constituents
  - Educate the public and media more directly about cancer and the political cancer agenda
  - Hold lawmakers accountable for their votes and voiced opinions regarding cancer

- **Will ACS CAN take sides in the political arena?**

  Definitely not. ACS CAN is a nonpartisan organization that operates on a free-form, ideological basis aiming to find a cure for cancer on behalf of its constituents. ACS CAN will not:
  - Expressly endorse or advocate defeat of political candidates or political parties
  - Form Political Action Committees (PACs)
  - Contribute money to or on behalf of political candidates

- **Does ACS CAN have a membership program and does it cost anything?**

  By becoming a member of ACS CAN, you join a nationwide grassroots organization dedicated to eliminating cancer. As a member, you will receive regular electronic newsletters to keep you informed and up-to-date on all ACS CAN progress. You may also be contacted to attend ACS CAN events, or be sent action alerts on important legislative issues asking you to take action by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, or making a phone call to an elected leader.

  The small $10 donation will fund ACS CAN legislative advocacy efforts to increase government funding of cancer research, prevention, and treatment programs. This fee also allows ACS CAN to issue advertisements and create constituent voter guides to put pressure on elected officials.

- **How do I find out more?**

  Please visit www.ACSCAN.org/relay for more information and answers.