

tary and Treasurer, who along with regional representatives make up an executive committee that meets an additional two times a year. The Association Board is responsible for the overall direction of ACORN, for national campaigns and policy decisions.

The ACORN structure builds in both cooperation and autonomy, allowing local groups, citywide boards, and statewide boards to set their own agendas but coordinating the efforts of the entire ACORN membership nationwide.

ACORN has a staff of professional organizers. They don't vote on any boards or speak for the organization, but they help members organize new neighborhood groups, plan actions and campaigns, carry out fundraising projects, research issues, and make ACORN grow.

ACORN Political Action Committee (APAC)

APAC is the political arm of ACORN, exercising our strength in electoral campaigns. APAC is a committee of the ACORN citywide or statewide board, made up of one representative from each local group. It takes the lead in screening and endorsing candidates for political office, planning and carrying out voter education and get-out-the-vote efforts.

Unlike other Political Action Committees (PACs) which exist to make financial contributions to candidates, APAC exists to move the organized power of low and moderate income people at the ballot box. Its strength is not in the size of its budget but in its house-to-house and precinct-by-precinct work.

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(Where only one delegate is listed, upcoming elections will fill the vacancy. DC and IL will elect their first delegates to attend the October, 1983 Board meeting.)

FINANCES

ACORN has always been committed to the principle of financial self-sufficiency and we've made great strides toward that goal. The principle is important because only an organization that raises and controls its own funds can be truly independent. Because ACORN members pay the organization's way, we call the shots.

The most important element of ACORN's finances is yearly membership dues of \$16 per family. ACORN members also support our organization through a wide variety of "internal" fundraising projects—

dinners, tag days, selling ads to businesses, flea markets, bake sales, and other events.

In addition, ACORN has a professional canvassing staff that solicits support and financial contributions door-to-door.

Through all of these "internal" fundraising systems, ACORN raised 68 percent of its budget in 1982. We've made steady progress toward the goal of self-sufficiency; four years earlier, only 37 percent of the budget came from internal fundraising.

