

**POLICY ON PUBLIC REPRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE DNA**

No committee or committee member shall undertake any plan of action, implement any program, or represent or take a position on behalf of the DNA without prior approval of the Board of Directors.

Committees and committee members may carry on day-to-day activities that have been granted prior approval by a Board-approved Committee workplan or by the committee's mission statement. Letters written on DNA letterhead, or testimony or other public statements delivered on behalf of the DNA must receive Board approval before delivery.

If a board meeting is not scheduled in time to approve such materials, the DNA President may authorize delivery of the letter, testimony, or public statement if the content is deemed to be consistent with a Board-approved workplan. This requirement shall not prevent the President, or other officers or board members with specifically delegated authority, from discussing policy positions adopted by the Board of Directors.

The President, in consultation with the Board's Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall have the authority to halt temporarily the actions of a committee or committee member which he/she judges to be outside the authority granted by the Board; the matter will then be referred to the full Board at its next meeting.

APPROVED BY THE DNA BOARD on September 24, 2009

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Walter Weyler, Chair, DNA Board

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As a DNA member and committee leader, I agree to abide to this policy and will inform all the committee members of the policy.

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Signature

date \_\_\_\_\_

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Printed name