

<b>Policy Title: Board Statements and Papers</b>	
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### **I. PURPOSE**

This policy describes NAGC’s use of official statements to represent the position of the organization on issues of significance to the field.

### **II. POLICY STATEMENT**

In its role as the leading national organization in the field, NAGC is responsible for taking official positions on matters of significance and responding to events and issues relevant to our purpose and mission.

Position statements are initiated and approved by the Board of Directors. Position statements represent the association’s official position on a topic or issue. All official position statements must follow the NAGC Guidelines for the Development of NAGC Position Statements.

In addition to formal position statements, the Board of Directors may develop responses to specific events that relate to the purpose and mission of the organization.

The Board manages the development and review process for position statements and other such documents. The Board may request the development of a framing paper to inform further Board discussion and decision making prior to the development of a position statement.

The Publications Committee may be consulted for review or input on the development of Board-initiated documents but will exercise no formal responsibility or authority.

### **III. DEFINITIONS**

**Position Paper.** Position papers provide the association’s official position on a topic or issue and may include a call to action such as “NAGC supports (or encourages, recommends) [action].” Position statements represent the voice of the association and do not identify an individual author or authors.

**Framing Paper.** The purpose of a framing paper is to provide useful information for readers seeking to understand an issue or solve a problem. A framing paper provides a comprehensive background on a topic and may inform a decision about NAGC’s official position on a topic.