



**Governmental Affairs Committee
of the
National Public Records Research Association**

Policies & Procedures

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Purpose:

To provide a platform to monitor and track federal, state and county administrative and legislative actions that may have impact on the interests of NPRRA members.

Primary areas of concern:

- Initiatives that may impact access to public records, including
 - Privacy concern issues
 - Cost and efficient right of access issues
- Initiatives pertaining to limitations on reporting of information obtained from public records (including but not limited to PI Licensing issues)
- Legislation pertaining to the reporting of Beneficial Ownership information in conjunction with forming and maintaining corporate entities
- Trends and actions of federal agencies pertaining to anti-terrorism, drug-trafficking and money laundering efforts and the impact of pertinent regulations on our industry
- Initiatives that impact how and where public records are recorded, stored or accessed, including but not limited to implementation of lien registries on a national scale.

Committee Duties:

- Maximize committee awareness of issues by *
 - Encouraging notification of issues by NPRRA members
 - Monitoring industry publications
 - Monitoring introduced legislation to the extent possible *
 - Identifying, tracking and reporting legislative developments affecting our industry through BillTrack50
- Tracking of local, state and national initiatives that we have been made aware of that may affect members' business interests. *
- Keeping NPRRA members abreast of relevant developments in tracked items via NPRRA Listserv posts, NPRRA GAC Blog Posts, BillTrack50 Bill Sheets & Widget and educational sessions presented at annual conference.

- Creating a stronger relationship with IACA (the association of state UCC and corporate administrators). Maintain an IACA liaison who will report to the GAC as well as Monitor IACA Listserv items.
- Working on privacy issues in two ways:
 - through our own grass roots efforts
 - through alliances with other public records related associations (i.e. PRIA, NAPBS and REIPA)
- Administer, edit and update the GAC blog initiated in 2012 at www.nprragac.org
 - Properly credit authors and companies for any content that is not developed by the author, including external links.
 - Be very careful to not publish any internal GAC communications.
 - Any quoting or name dropping of any committee member or association member may ONLY be done with the express consent of the member.
 - Be wary of making or approving any post that might:
 - cast the association in a negative light.
 - be taken as an “association position” by the public or outside agencies
 - be better served as a private member benefit
 - For any matters that fall into categories directly above, either refrain from posting on the blog (utilize listserv or other means instead), OR create a Password Protected blog post.
 - Note – password protection is not foolproof in that the password gets disseminated to all members and could conceivably be forwarded outside the association. Very sensitive materials should NOT be published on the blog in any format.
 - Blog administrator must use careful discretion and may consult the committee on such matters
 - Consider password protecting posts for which we are not likely to extract benefit from public consumption, for the purpose of maintaining some “member only benefit” to the blog.
- Identify, track and report legislation using BillTrack50
 - Report legislation in a timely manner.
 - Transfer industry related legislation from NPPRA Bill Sheets to the GAC BillTrack50 Widget.
 - Update members of legislative developments through Listserv and GAC Blog.
- Consideration of joining legal actions such as amicus briefs when warranted.
- GAC Chair to maintain 5-15 active volunteer members.

** The NPRRA Government Affairs committee is run strictly by association volunteers. We recognize that the issues our industry faces are multifaceted and diverse, but due to limits on resources and time, the GAC committee can only report and consult with membership on new and pending initiatives that we are made aware of through the various channels discussed above.*

All attempts by GAC members to foster relationships with associations on behalf NPRRA are done strictly to monitor trends and report on developments to the association and its membership. The membership should recognize that special relationships that occur from such contact primarily benefit the individual member making the contact and goodwill may or may not pass through to the NPRRA.