

Process for the Review of NAEA Adopted Position Statements, July 2016

About NAEA Position Statements

NAEA Position Statements should be reflective of a national issue or topic of interest to the profession and/or field of visual art education and should advance the mission of the Association. Once adopted by the NAEA Board of Directors, NAEA Position Statements represent the 'official' position of the Association, and should be useful to both members and the national office, when responding to requests from the media, school board members, and school administrators, legislators, Congressional offices, and other policy makers regarding the view of the visual arts education community pertaining to an issue or topic. Position Statements can also be used to guide direction for the association's programming and activities.

Adoption of NAEA Position Statements

In the interest of participation and transparency, all members are invited to participate in the identification of salient issues and trends within the profession and the field and in the recommendation and development of Position Statements to be reviewed and discussed by the Delegates Assembly. All NAEA leaders are invited to participate in the discussion at the Delegates Assembly meeting.

- The Delegates Assembly will vote on a recommendation to the NAEA Board for action on each Adopted Position Statement under Review.
- All NAEA Position Statements are adopted by the NAEA Board. The NAEA Board votes to maintain as is, maintain with revisions, or archive all Position Statements under Three Year Review. Archiving a Position Statement implies that the concept of the statement is no longer relevant.

Management of the Process for Developing, Reviewing, Vetting, and Recommending Position Statements for Action by the NAEA Board.

The Platform Working Group is charged with managing NAEA Platform and Position Statements. The Chair of the Platform Working Group manages the work of developing new Position Statements and reviewing Adopted Position Statements, and works with the other Vice Presidents to plan the format for the Delegates Assembly meetings. The Platform Working Group became a Standing Committee in April 2010. It is comprised of the four Vice Presidents and the seven Division Directors.

Regularly Scheduled Reviews of Adopted Position Statements

After approval by the NAEA Board, each NAEA Position Statement is automatically reviewed by the NAEA Platform Working Group. The first review takes place three years after the initial adoption. Subsequent reviews take place every five years. In completing this review the Platform Working Group makes a recommendation to the Delegates Assembly to maintain, revise or archive each Position Statement.

- a. Recommendations for revisions are based on those changes which must be made in order to keep the Position Statement relevant and meaningful to NAEA and its members in the current educational environment (rather than a rewording of the Position Statement without other purpose or changing the original intention of the Position Statement).
- b. Any new language to revise a Position Statement should be provided with the recommendation.
2. The Delegates Assembly reviews the recommendation of the Platform Working Group for each Position Statement.
 - a. The Delegates Assembly approves or further revises the recommendations for all of the Position Statements under review and the Vice Presidents submit them to the NAEA Board.
3. The NAEA Board takes action by vote on each Position Statement under Review.

Process for Gathering Feedback on Adopted Position Statements Under Review Summer Leadership/Regional Meetings

- Discussion of Adopted Position Statements Under Review that will be voted on at Delegates Assembly and the NAEA Board at the next year's Convention.

August/September

- Platform Working Group begins review of Adopted Position Statements Under Review
- November 1-15
- Send out survey instrument regarding modifications to Adopted Position Statements Under Review to all registered Delegates (consent to serve forms), State Presidents, and Issues Groups Chairs.
 - This may require some outgoing Delegates to share their feedback with incoming Delegates to provide orientation at this point, or, prior to the Delegates Assembly (should they not be appointed until a later date).

The survey instrument will poll Delegates and Issues Groups' Chairs with the following options:

- Approve the recommended revisions to the Position Statement
- Retain the existing Position Statement (Do not approve the recommended revisions to the Position Statement)
- Archive the Position Statement (**no longer relevant in any context**)
- Other – opportunity to provide specific comments

December

- Compile data from the survey for review by the Platform Working Group
- Modify the recommendation for revisions to each Position Statement should this be needed based on the survey.

February (one month in advance of Convention) – Vetting Process

- All Position Statements, including both drafts of new Position Statements and Recommendations for Adopted Position Statements Under Review, posted on website and included in Delegates Assembly materials.
- Email message about vetting goes to all State Affiliate Presidents and NAEA Issues Groups with input to Chair, Platform Working Group (current practice).

Delegates Assembly at NAEA Convention

The Vice Presidents, led by the Chair of the Platform Working Group, will “report out” on the consensus recommendation regarding the Adopted Position Statements Under Review. Following these reports, there will be a vote taken on each of the Existing Position Statements. There will not be in-depth discussion of each of these Position Statements.

The vote will enable the NAEA Board to determine

- 1) To keep the Existing Position Statement as is,
- 2) Keep the Existing Position Statement with the Recommended Revisions,
- 3) Keep the Existing Position Statement and determine a process for the Platform Working Group to continue to work on finalizing what the revisions might be. (If this is the decision, the existing Position Statement remains as is until a new recommendation for modifying it is presented).
- 4) Archive the Position Statement (no longer relevant in any context)

Note: The Delegates Assembly will focus on the more in-depth review and discussion of the Drafts of New Position Statements.