



## EERI-NC Board of Directors

# Policy for Consensus and Public Statements

### **How the Chapter reaches consensus:**

The Chapter greatly values independent collaboration and the development of consensus by its Committees. We encourage Members to work through Committees to reach consensus on Chapter products before representatives present them to the public on the Chapter's behalf. For most non-controversial issues, committees have the freedom and responsibility to work as independently as possible from the Chapter's Board and likewise from EERI National. Board Contacts and Chairpersons should be kept abreast of all Committee activities. Where issues might be controversial, sensitive or overlapping, Chapter Members should notify the Committee's Chairperson and Board Contact who should relay such issues to others for their timely input and coordination. The Board Contact will bring controversial matters to the Board's attention to determine the best ways to obtain broader review and consensus before releases to the public. The Board may also seek feedback from the entire Chapter Membership or from EERI National.

### **Who can speak on behalf of EERI's Northern California Chapter and when:**

Committees should designate representatives including Chairpersons to present consensus statements and products to the public. Representatives shall follow the Chapter's Professional Conduct and Ethics Policy. If the public asks about issues that the Chapter has not discussed or reached a consensus, Chapter Members are encouraged to respond by saying that they will ask the Chapter to consider the issues and respond at a later time after the appropriate Committee has had an opportunity to discuss the issues.

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