



**POL – 9 NACE Spokesman Policy** (rev. 062416)

Only those persons who have been authorized by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board, to speak for, provide written communications, or act on behalf of NACE, in accordance with the Association Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, manuals, operating rules and policies, shall so speak, write, or act only with respect to those matters on which they have been authorized to speak, write, or act. No personal advancement or company benefit shall be sought when speaking on behalf of NACE.

Unauthorized persons shall not speak for or act on behalf of the Association nor represent or hold himself (herself) out to any other person, the public, or in public forums (including internet chatrooms, networking sites, bulletin boards, blogs, etc.) as possessing or exercising, whether expressly or implied, such authority.

No person shall have the authority to bind the Association, either orally or in writing, without the prior, written approval of the Association Board of Directors.

In the area of standards development and standards interpretation, the Association shall conform to all mandatory government standards, ANSI's (American National Standards Institute) national standards, and current policies and rules as approved by the NACE Board of Directors.

In keeping with the above policy, the NACE Board of Directors requires a disclaimer statement be made by NACE members and members of NACE committees when speaking or writing to individuals or groups where nonmembers of the Association are present, to prevent any chance of statements being mistaken as representing those of NACE INTERNATIONAL. A recommended disclaimer for such purpose is, "The opinions and statements I express are my own and do not necessarily represent those of NACE INTERNATIONAL."

Further, no NACE member, officer or chair shall use a NACE speaking opportunity as a means to promote their business or a commercial product.