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A **policy** is a statement of intent and is a deliberate system of principles to guide decisions within the Association to achieve rational outcomes.

- (A) A policy shall be endorsed once it has been signed by the President.
- (B) Policies may further be classified as:
  - (a) Distributive;
    - i. The distribution of services and benefits to the members, as well as distributing the cost amongst the members of the Association.
    - ii. Refer to *policy 0001-10.*
  - (b) Regulatory;
    - i. Objective in nature, they limit the discretion of individuals and are considered to be operational policies.
    - ii. Refer to policy 0001-20.
  - (c) Constitute;
    - i. Create executive power entities to carry out objectives of the Association.
    - ii. Refer to policy 0001-30.
  - (d) Strategic.
    - i. A written statement of the Associations choices/strategies within its operating environment.
    - ii. Refer to policy 0001-04.



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### PROCEDURE

- 1. The following stages shall serve as a guiding principle to a policy cycle:
  - 1. Identification:
    - 1. The recognition of a specific subject requiring further attention.
  - 2. Consultation:
    - 1. Consulting with appropriate stakeholders, such as Directors, Delegates, Members or other agencies.
  - 3. Policy Formulation:
    - 1. Exploring a variation of options or alternative courses of action;
    - 2. Exploring the intended effects;
    - 3. Exploring the unintended consequences.
  - 4. Decision:
    - 1. The decision on an ultimate course of action.
  - 5. Implementation:
    - 1. The plan of action or strategy for implementing the policy.
  - 6. Evaluation:
    - 1. An outline of evaluation times and measures to determine the effectiveness to achieve the rational outcomes as described in the policy.
- 2. A policy shall be maintained in an official written document in accordance with the appropriate policy template and shall include the following components:
  - 1. An <u>effective date</u> of when the policy shall take effect.
  - 2. A <u>policy statement</u>, indicating the modification of the Associations behaviours
  - 3. A <u>purpose statement</u>, outlining why the Association is issuing the policy, and what its desired effect or outcome of the policy should be.



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- 4. An <u>applicability and scope statement</u>, describing who the policy affects and which actions are impacted by the policy.
- 5. A <u>responsibilities statement</u>, describing who is responsible for carrying out the policy statement, The statement may also include any relevant oversight and/or governance structures.

#### References

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#### **Related References**

James E. Anderson - Public Policy-Making (1974); Theodore J. Lowi - Four systems of Policy, Politics and Choice; Catherine F. Smith - Writing Public Policy.

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