

## BY-LAWS OF THE NPA

### APPENDIX III – GUIDELINES FOR PUBLISHED WORKS

Members of the NPA are expected to adhere to the following Guidelines regarding submission of works for publication.

Focus on Natural Philosophy - Submitted works should be focused upon scientific inquiry and explanation of the structures and processes of our natural physical world through:

- a) expression of a scientific theory, observation or results of experimentation;
- b) examination of the history of science, technology, or scientific method;
- c) improvement in a method of scientific reasoning, modeling, analysis or computation;
- d) interpretation, extension or critique of a scientific theory; or
- e) definition of an approach to unification of scientific theories.

Boundaries - Submitted works should not promote or oppose any religious view, political view, legislative proposal or candidate for public office.

Excellence in scholarship - Members should strive for clarity and quality of presentation, well reasoned and logical development of concepts, and thorough substantiation of conclusions through supporting evidence.

Original research - Works are represented by submitters to contain original research or scholarship.

Attribution - Extracts of theories, observations or experimentation results substantially copied or paraphrased from works of others shall include appropriate attribution of authorship.

Civility - Submitted works shall not be used to disparage the reputation of any author or researcher, but may properly examine, comment upon or refute specific works of any author or researcher when accomplished through responsible critique by application of scientific inquiry, improved logical or computational analysis, or by inviting attention to new observations or results of experimentation.

Personal responsibility - Members are expected to take personal responsibility for their works; and contact information shall accompany all works submitted.

These Guidelines shall be regularly reviewed and maintained by the NPA Board to enhance expectation of consistently high standards in NPA associated works.

Members have an obligation to maintain the integrity of the NPA database by privately communicating to a member of the Board, any perceived breach of these Guidelines.