

WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY
OF
THE NATIONAL MARINE ELECTRONICS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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This Whistleblower Policy of the National Marine Electronics Association, Inc. (the “Association”): (1) encourages staff and volunteers to come forward with specific and credible information on illegal practices or serious violations of adopted policies of the Association; (2) specifies that the Association will protect the person from retaliation; and (3) identifies where such information can be reported.

Section 1. Reporting is Encouraged. The Association encourages complaints, reports or inquiries about illegal practices, unlawful activity or serious violations of the Association’s policies, including illegal or improper conduct by the Association itself, by its leadership, or by others on its behalf. Appropriate subjects to raise under this policy would include fraudulent financial reporting, accounting or audit matters, possible fraudulent or dishonest use or misuse of resources or property, ethical violations, or other similar illegal or improper practices or policies. The complaints, reports or inquires should be made in good faith.

Other subjects on which the Association has existing complaint mechanisms should be addressed under those mechanisms, such as raising matters of alleged discrimination or harassment via the Association’s human resources channels, unless those channels are themselves implicated in the wrongdoing. This policy is not intended to provide a means of appeal from outcomes in those other mechanisms.

Section 2. Protection from Retaliation. The Association prohibits retaliation by or on behalf of the Association and its officers and management against staff or volunteers for making good faith complaints, reports or inquiries under this policy or for participating in a review or investigation under this policy. This protection extends to those whose allegations are made in good faith but prove to be mistaken. The Association reserves the right to discipline persons who make bad faith, knowingly false, or vexatious complaints, reports or inquiries or who otherwise abuse this policy.

Section 3. Where to Report. Complaints, reports or inquiries may be made under this policy on a confidential or anonymous basis. They should describe in detail the specific facts demonstrating the bases for the complaints, reports or inquiries. They should be directed to the Association’s Executive Director or the Chairman of the Board of Directors; if both of those persons are implicated in the complaint, report or inquiry, it should be directed to any other volunteer Officer of the Association elected by the members to that position. The Association will conduct a prompt, discreet, and objective review or investigation. Staff and volunteers must recognize that the Association may be unable to fully evaluate a vague or general complaint, report or inquiry that is made anonymously. Therefore, you may decide to identify yourself when submitting the complaint, report or inquiry.