

Advocacy Policy and Procedure

(adopted 9/3/2020)

No member shall endorse or advocate a position in the name of the Rappahannock Wildlife Refuge Friends unless authorized by the Board of Directors.

Any member may ask the Board to endorse or advocate a position at any meeting of the Board. Members of the Board may also ask that the Board consider such authorizations by email, text or telephone as provided in Section 6 of the Bylaws.

In addition, when time is of the essence, any member appointed by the Board to serve as an advocacy representative may also request the Board to consider such authorizations by email, text, or telephone.

Votes taken on any request for authorization by email, text or telephone must be reported to the Secretary or President. The secretary will place a record of any requests for authorization made by email, text or telephone and the vote thereon in the records of the corporation.

Requests for authorization must comply with the Code of Ethics and any member requesting such authorization shall provide the Board with sufficient background information so that the Board may make an informed decision.

Board members who endorse or advocate positions individually should take care to ensure that their position is not perceived to be on behalf of the Friends.