

## **GUIDELINES FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITY AT BPA EVENTS (adopted May 28, 2009)**

1. For the purposes of a policy for BPA-sponsored functions, "political activity" is defined as any kind of activity in support of a person, issue or ballot measure that will be decided by an elected decision-making body or person, or the electorate. It includes campaigning, gathering signatures, educating the public about an issue from an advocacy position and similar activities. It does not apply to items on a meeting agenda which are primarily intended to educate or inform, but may have a political component.
2. "Political activity" also does not include persons holding or running for elective office who can roam through the crowd and talk informally with people in attendance anywhere at an event venue.
3. All other persons or groups who want to engage in political activity are encouraged submit their request to the Board for review. The request may be denied if it is deemed to be incompatible with the theme or purpose of the BPA-sponsored function or event.
4. Political activity may be confined to certain areas of the event venue as defined by the BPA Board. Signs, tables, campaign materials, documents, costumes intended to draw attention, and other associated materials will also be confined to the assigned areas.
5. Persons or groups may not conduct political activity in ways that compete with or interfere with the theme of the event. The President of the BPA, the BPA event organizer or BPA Board member acting on behalf of the event organizer may ask persons or groups who exhibit disruptive or inappropriate behavior to desist or to leave the venue
6. Political behavior which is disruptive or competes or interferes with the event is not allowed. The event organizer, or BPA Board member acting on behalf of the event organizer, may ask persons who exhibit disruptive or inappropriate behavior to desist or to leave the venue.