



Section Statements. Statements by sections that are not statements of the AAA. Sections may issue their own statements in their own names that are not AAA position statements. Such statements should include a clear disclaimer identifying the section or sections making the statement and saying that the statement is not a statement of the AAA as a whole and has not gone through the AAA procedure for review and approval of such statements.

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- b) The AAA requires that sections issuing their own statements notify the Executive Committee of their intended wording, for two main reasons. 1) To allow the AAA to offer legal advice if it seems to be needed. 2) To allow the Executive Committee to suggest other sections that might wish to communicate with the initiating section.
- c) Sections desiring legal advice can seek it through the Executive Committee.
- d) Sections with concerns about policy statements can propose these concerns for discussion in the monthly zoom meetings of section presidents.