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MEMBERSHIP

N1.0 Eligibility

N1.1

A newspaper applying for membership shall qualify as stated in Section 2.0 of the Bylaws, and shall conform to the following requirements:

N1.2

It may be a newspaper with paid and/or non-paid circulation.

N1.3

The newspaper shall maintain continuity of style, format, subject or theme from issue to issue.

N1.4

It shall publish for a minimum period of three months before being eligible for an initial audit, subject to the approval of the President.

N1.5

It shall be a newspaper which includes advertising.

N1.6

When a newspaper has extra editions, (See rule N3.17), the President shall determine whether the newspaper is a single newspaper or is, in effect, two or more separate newspapers requiring separate memberships on the basis of the following conditions:

The extra edition is distributed to all or a specifically designated portion of the circulation list of the regular newspaper.

The extra edition is identified on its cover as a special issue of the primary newspaper.

If, after consideration of the above conditions, the President determines that the newspaper is, in effect, a single newspaper, the President shall require the newspaper to report the extra edition in paragraph 3 of the Circulation Statement and Audit Report, but not in paragraph 1 if the extra edition is distributed to less than the identical circulation list as that of the regular newspaper. An explanation shall be made in paragraph 10, subject to audit.

N1.7

When a newspaper has separate editions, (See rule N3.12), the President shall determine whether the newspaper is a single newspaper or is, in effect, two or more separate newspapers requiring separate memberships. In order to qualify as a single newspaper, the separate editions shall meet all of the following conditions:

N1.7 (continued)

Shall have the same Statement of Publishing and Circulation Policy.

Shall have the same editorial scope with only such variations in editorial matter required by the different demographic or geographic audience served.

The editions shall be identified separately on advertising rate source material.

If, after consideration of the above conditions, the President determines that the newspaper is, in effect, a single newspaper, the publisher will be given the option to report the circulation for each edition separately. If the publisher opts to report each edition separately, the publisher shall report such editions separately in paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the Circulation Statement and Audit Report.

When the President determines that the newspaper is, in effect, a single newspaper, but the publisher wishes separate Circulation Statements and Audit Reports for each edition, separate memberships will be required.

N2.0 Procedure

N2.1

An applicant eligible for Newspaper Audit membership in BPA Worldwide shall, in addition to filing an application, proceed as follows:

Fill out and sign a three or six month Circulation Statement and file it with the Corporation. This statement shall be in conformance with Sections N4.0, N5.0 and N6.0 of these rules and shall be the basis for the initial Audit Report.

Provide, maintain and make available to the auditor, all requirements and records as stated in Section N6.0 of these Rules.

N2.2

On receipt of the applicant's first Circulation Statement, the corporation shall, as soon as possible, make an examination of the newspaper's records and complete an initial audit.

N2.3

For auditing single copy sales, if final single copy sales figures are not available at the time the circulation statement is filed, the publisher may project single copy sales using the preceding twelve months of final sales figures and applying the sale percentage to the draw for each issue.

N2.4

Upon acceptance and release of this report by a majority of the Board of Directors, the publisher shall be notified that they have been elected to membership.

N2.5

If it is found that the publisher's records are incomplete and the initial audit cannot be made, the publisher shall be required to install and maintain such auditable records as recommended by the Corporation. A newspaper shall not become a member until an auditable statement is submitted and the records are audited in accordance with the instructions from the Corporation. (See Bylaws, Section 2.9.2.)

N2.6

If the President finds, after a sufficient time has elapsed, that the publisher applicant's records are incomplete and an acceptable initial audit cannot be made, BPA Worldwide may release a notice to its members officially notifying them that the application has been rejected. This notice may take the form of a posting on BPA's web site and/or a mailing to the membership and BPA's press list.

N2.7

Industry service providers, companies or individuals, applying for associate membership shall qualify as stated in Section B2.0 of the Bylaws and shall conform to the following requirements:

N2.7.1

Provide the names and contact details of three professional references that can attest to the applicants successful completion of BPA Worldwide related projects. It is allowable to provide one reference if a minimum of three projects were completed.

N2.7.2

Associate members who maintain successful ongoing completion of BPA projects are permitted to renew their membership on an annual basis.

N2.7.3

Reviews of performance will be completed for any associate member's work that negatively impacts BPA members or the industry. Those associate members who are found to be negatively impacting BPA members or the industry will be reviewed under Section 10 of the Bylaws (offences and penalties).

N3.0 – DEFINITIONS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

N3.1 Advanced Renewals

A subscription renewed prior to expiration date of previous subscription.

N3.2 Advertiser and Agency Copies

Includes checking copies and prospective advertising copies and shall be reported as non-qualified distribution.

N3.3 Arrears (Post Expire Copies Included In Qualified Paid Circulation)

Subscriptions retained on the list up to three months after expiration date and reported as paid. Out of Country subscriptions may be retained on the list up to six months after expiration date and reported as paid. An average number of arrears copies for the period, expressed as a percentage, shall be reported in paragraph 8.

Bulk subscriptions cannot be reported as paid circulation after the expiration date.

N3.4 Audit Report

An annual report released by the corporation consolidating circulation reported in the semi-annual Circulation Statements. The Audit Report attests to the accuracy and validity of the publisher's circulation claims in the Circulation Statements.

N3.5 Back Copies

Any issue of the newspaper dated prior to the current issue shall be considered a back copy whether served to a new or renewed recipient. The “current issue” is defined as the most recent issue distributed or placed on sale, whichever comes first.

Back copies may be counted as either qualified paid or non-paid circulation only for the two issues preceding the current issue, for newspapers with a frequency of weekly or greater.

When the recipient has specifically requested back copies of a newspaper such copies may be counted as qualified circulation up to three issues preceding the date of the subscription order for all newspapers.

N3.6 Base Prices

Base Price - The established prices for each subscription term as defined in the masthead of a newspaper.

Recognized base prices:

Subscriptions: one base price for each regularly established duration.

Mail subscriptions: one base price for domestic mail subscriptions. International newspapers may establish a separate base price for each country/region served, including electronic editions.

Electronic Edition Subscriptions: one base price for each subscription term.

Single Copy Sales: one base price for each designated market.

Single Copy Sales Electronic Editions: one base price for each designated market.

N3.7 Benefit of Membership Subscriptions

Deductible benefit of membership subscriptions - Individual subscriptions paid for out of membership dues where the recipient has the option of deducting the subscription price from their dues if they do not wish to receive the newspaper.

Non-deductible benefit of membership subscriptions - Individual subscriptions paid for out of membership dues, where the recipient does not have the option of deducting the subscription price from their dues, and automatically receives the newspaper.

An annual membership communication, e.g. dues invoice, membership packet, promotional letter (deductible and non-deductible) shall clearly state the amount of dues allocated for payment of the subscription.

N3.8 Bulk

Two or more copies of the print version of the newspaper sent to a single addressee. This circulation shall be reported separately in paragraphs 1, 3, 4, and 5 of the Circulation Statement.

If the copies are purchased and the purchaser has a financial interest in the newspaper, those copies purchased may not be included in qualified paid circulation unless it can be proven to the satisfaction of the President that the sale was made for the benefit of the purchaser and not for the benefit of the newspaper.

N3.8 (continued)

Money collected from an agent for bulk subscriptions to the same addressee need not be remitted to the publisher provided necessary records are in place to document the purchase and price paid by the original subscribers or sponsor. However, each sponsorship/third-party sale transaction must be without monetary recourse to the purchaser.

Bulk subscriptions cannot be reported as paid circulation after the expiration date.

If the number of subscriptions involved in any one bulk sale exceeds 5% of the total average paid subscription claim for the period in which the transaction takes place, the subscriptions involved in that sale shall be fully explained in Paragraph 10, Additional Data.

Multiple copies distributed to public places for redistribution shall be reported as bulk circulation. Such distribution includes, street racks, entranceways of apartment complexes, etc. Records must be kept on an issue-by-issue basis to support distribution.

N3.9 Carrier Delivery

Newspapers delivered by employees, individuals, or contract distributors, not a national postal service.

N3.10 Combined Sales

Subscriptions to multiple newspapers (including multiple platforms of one newspaper, i.e. print, and/or digital for computer, tablet, mobile, restricted access website, etc) or newspapers and products/services sold together at a special rate, including charitable donations combined with non-deductible subscriptions.

Comment shall be made in paragraph 7 providing details of the number of copies of each newspaper sold in combination with another newspaper/product/service.

A publisher may disclose the price of each item of the combination sale or simply the value of the newspaper subscription. If this option is chosen, the disclosed value of the newspaper subscription shall be the price reported. The disclosed value cannot equal or exceed the total price to be paid for the entire package offered.

In the absence of individual item or newspaper price disclosures, the value of the subscription will be calculated as follows:

In order to determine the value of the subscription you shall first sum the recognized retail value (base value) of all the individual elements of the combination offer. The ratio of the bundled offer price to the sum of the individual elements determines the discount rate.

Example multiple products offer:

3 month subscription to XYZ (base rate \$20.00)
1 widget (base value \$15.00)
3 Months Risk Free access to a Web site (base value \$25.00)
Combination Rate: \$25.00

Calculation: $\$20.00 + \$15.00 + \$25.00 = \60.00
Offer: $\$25.00 / \$60.00 = 41.6\%$
Discounted Newspaper Price: $.416 \times \$20.00 = \8.33

N3.10 (continued)

Example multiple platform offer:

3 month subscription to XYZ print version (base rate \$20.00)
3 month subscription to XYZ digital tablet version (base rate \$15.00)
3 month subscription to XYZ restricted access website (base Rate \$10.00)
Combination rate: \$30.00

Calculation: \$20.00 + \$15.00 + \$10.00 = \$45.00

Offer: \$30.00/\$45.00 =66.6%

Discount Price for each: Print \$13.33 (\$20.00 x .66); Tablet \$9.99 (&15.00 x .66);

Website \$6.66 (\$10.00 x .66)

N3.11 Drop Boxes

Boxes used to distribute newspapers. Copies distributed via boxes that meet the definition of paid circulation shall be reported as single-copy sales. (See N3.35). All other circulation shall be reported as non-paid bulk circulation.

N3.12 Editions

One version of a newspaper issued serially, periodically, or in multiple formats.

Extra Editions - See rule N3.17

Separate Editions – See rule N1.7

N3.13 Electronic Editions (E-editions)

Electronic Editions – A newspaper (either with a companion print version or as a stand alone electronic product) delivered periodically in a digital format with metered (i.e. linear) navigation, that is edited, designed, and contains date-stamped content that includes advertising (but not necessarily the same advertising as might appear in a print version). Though editing, design, and issue identification (i.e. date-stamped content) are significant differences, the primary distinction between an electronic editions and a website is the metering (this can be pagination or any other method of going through the issue from beginning to end).

An electronic edition may be dynamically created, have targeted content, or may exist in parallel with pre-existing media.

Dynamic – Editorial can be created and/or selected at point of delivery. With a dynamic electronic edition, each recipient can receive a copy with different content and that content can change at any time.

Targeted – Editorial is changed for specifically defined groups and/or platforms before point of delivery. With a targeted electronic edition, each group of recipients, whether they are segmented demographically or because of the platform they use to receive the electronic product, receive a copy with different content specifically selected for that group. Apart from minor updates, the content cannot change once the issue is made available.

Replica Plus – If a print brand existed first, “plus” is editorial that is retained from the original edition and is redesigned and/or supplemented. With an enhanced electronic product, each issue’s content is primarily taken (but not necessarily replicated in its entirety) from the original edition (whether in print or electronic). Apart from minor updates, the content cannot change once the issue is made available.

N3.13 (continued)

Editorial Replica and Replica Plus editions shall be reported as “Replica” on circulation reports. All others shall be reported as “Non-Replica.” Replica and non-replica editions shall be further reported by replica, replica plus, targeted, and dynamic editions. Publishers may also report by all of the above by platform (computer, tablet, mobile, restricted access, website, etc). (See Rule 9.10)

Publishers shall report in paragraph one the gross circulation by channel (replica and non-replica) and the number of unique unduplicated subscribers.

Publishers shall disclose in circulation statements under a “Statement of Content Platform” the form or combination of forms of electronic editions used per the above definition/ description.

Circulation for electronic editions shall be audited to ensure the systems of the media owner and their vendor(s) are in compliance with BPA Worldwide rules and policies before such data can appear on a Circulation Statement. A special audit may be undertaken to verify the electronic edition. The printing and release of an audit shall be at the media owners option.

The electronic circulation shall be detailed separately throughout the report.

Non-qualified electronic edition copies shall not be reported on BPA Worldwide circulation statements and audit reports.

Electronic Edition Site License: A contract or agreement between a publisher member and company/organization/association/educational establishment to provide multiple individuals access to an electronic edition of the newspaper. The contract/agreement shall require the subscriber/administrator of the site license to notify all the individual seats (individuals) of the availability of each issue. Licenses may be reported for definitive amount of seats only, “global” or “companywide” license agreements may not be reported.

Paid site licenses shall adhere to rule N3.33, qualified paid circulation.

Non-paid site licenses shall adhere to qualified non-paid circulation rule N3.32.

The publisher shall disclose in the explanatory paragraph the number of authorized Electronic Edition Site Licenses and Seats (individuals) served as part of the license, including paid and non-paid data. Reporting the name of the company to which the content has been licensed shall be optional. Licenses may be reported for definitive amounts only, “global” or “companywide” license agreements may not be reported.

Newspaper members with a daily frequency shall report the paid order as qualified circulation for the subscription period purchased. Email alerts are not required.

Newspaper members may report at their option whether subscribers to the electronic edition receive an email alert only, or have downloaded/retrieved/received the electronic edition.

If email alerts are reported, such data shall be reported in paragraphs 1, 3, 4, and 5. If an alert or notification is sent to a subscriber indicating the electronic copy is available for download is undeliverable, the media owner shall have no more than 90 days to remove said subscriber from their circulation file, or ensure that the delivery details are corrected.

If issue downloaded/retrieved/received data is reported, such data shall be reported in paragraphs 1, 3, 4, and 5.

N3.13 (continued)

A downloaded/retrieved/received issue may be reported as long as the issue was downloaded/retrieved/received within 60 days of the alert. At the time of Circulation Statement filing, any issues for which final downloaded, retrieved, received counts are not available may be estimated based on a historical average. At the time of audit the estimation will be compared to actual data. If the variance is material, an Audit Report will be issued to adjust the circulation accordingly.

N3.14 Employee Copies

A newspaper may include copies served to employees, retired employees, correspondents and agents in paid circulation or sponsored circulation, depending on who paid for the subscription. If the newspaper purchases the subscription for the employee the subscription shall be reported as sponsored. If the employee pays for the subscription through payroll or other deductions, the subscription shall be reported as individual paid circulation. Adequate records must be maintained by the newspaper, including: employee payrolls records of compensation paid to correspondents and agent billings.

N3.15 Expiration Date

Terminating date of subscription.

N3.16 Extension

Advancing the expiration date of a subscription because of a reduction in the frequency of issues or a reduction in the subscription price.

N3.17 Extra Editions

Any issue in addition to the regular editions shall be considered an extra edition. The sales of extra editions shall be included in the circulation of the day for which they are dated. Details of the extra edition shall be reported in paragraph 10.

N3.18 Final Settlement Date

The date by which single copy sales accounts for an issue shall be closed after which copies may no longer be counted as paid.

Final Settlement figures shall be no longer than twelve months from the on sale date of the issue. If final sales data is not available at the time of audit, sales figures may be projected based on the previous twelve month historical average of settled issues.

N3.19 Gift Subscriptions

Purchased for persons other than the purchaser's employees.

Gift subscriptions may be served copies in arrears as paid circulation for three months after the expiration date for domestic circulation and six months after the expiration date for international circulation.

Money collected by an agent need not be remitted to the publisher, provided necessary records are in place to document the purchase and price paid by the original subscriber. However, each sponsorship sale transaction must be without monetary recourse to the purchaser (sponsor.)

N3.20 Group Subscriptions

Purchased in lots of two or more, paid for by an employer for their employees and distributed by the publisher to individual addresses furnished by the employer. These subscriptions shall be further disclosed in paragraph 9.

Copies purchased in lots of two or more, paid for by an employer for their employees and distributed by the publisher to the same addressee shall be reported as "Bulk".

Money collected by an agent need not be remitted to the publisher, provided necessary records are in place to document the purchase and price paid by the original subscriber. However, each sponsorship sale transaction must be without monetary recourse to the purchaser (sponsor.)

N3.21 Hybrid Subscriptions

A combination of print and digital editions with the intent to count only one copy as circulation per day. For example, a subscriber receives a print copy Monday-Friday and digital copies Saturday and Sunday. The Monday-Friday copies shall be reported as print editions, the Saturday and Sunday copies shall be reported as digital editions. Only one copy is reported per day.

N3.22 Initial Audit Report

May be released for any consecutive three or six-month period. A newspaper shall transfer to the standard six-month reporting periods ended June or December with its first Circulation Statement following the initial audit and include whatever issues were previously audited during the period reported. (see N4.0)

N3.23 Mail Delivery

Newspapers delivered by the national postal service.

N3.24 Newspapers in Education

Copies ordered for delivery to students or schools. Copies may be purchased individually, through classroom funds, or sponsored by a third party. A description of the publisher's Newspaper in Education program shall be detailed in Paragraph 10.

Electronic Newspapers in Educational copies shall be reported separately in paragraphs 1 and 5.

N3.25 Non-Deductible Subscriptions

Individual subscription paid for as part of a reservation fee for conferences, meetings, seminars, etc., where the recipient does not have the option of deducting the subscription price and automatically receives the newspaper. The offer shall clearly state the amount of money allocated for payment of the subscription.

Paragraph 7 shall include a comment describing the non-deductible offers and the number of copies so reported.

N3.26 Non-Qualified Circulation

That circulation which fails to conform to the terms of the publishers "Stated Publishing and Circulation Policy Statement" as stated on the front page of the Circulation Statement and the Audit Report.

This distribution is reported in paragraph 2.

N3.27 Omission Days

If the circulation for any day is omitted from the averages reported in the Circulation Statement, the circulation and the reasons for omission shall be reported separately for each day in paragraph 10.

A publisher shall omit no more than 20 days during any 12-month audit period.

N3.28 Partner Distribution Agreements

A partner distribution agreement is an agreement between two newspaper publishers to distribute newspapers on days not published by one newspaper. For example, Newspaper A is distributed five days a week, Monday – Friday. Newspaper B is distributed seven days a week. A partnership distribution agreement occurs when Newspaper A agrees to distribute Newspaper B to its subscribers on Saturday and Sunday.

If a newspaper wishes to enter into a partner distribution agreement with another newspaper, the service of the partner days must be effective for all subscribers in a market.

A basic price must be established for the partner distribution frequency.

All offer and promotion materials must:

- State the two newspapers involved in the partner distribution agreement;
- State the term and frequency of the partner distribution service;
- State the purchase price;
- There may be no reference to the partner distributed newspaper being "free" or use of language that implies or infers free.

Paragraph 10 shall provide a description of the partner agreement. For each agreement, the details disclosed shall include the name of the newspapers involved, and the basic price(s) for the partner distribution service.

N3.29 Post Expiration Copies Included in Paid Circulation Up To Three Months - See: Arrears, Section N3.3.

N3.30 Promotional Incentive

N3.30.1

Any inducement offered to a subscriber for free with their own subscription.

When subscriptions are sold with a promotional incentive, the publisher must collect payment greater than the full value of the promotional incentive.

The value of the promotional incentive is considered to be the actual cost to the publisher, or the recognized retail value, or the represented value, whichever is highest.

If a back copy is included in a subscription offer, it will be considered a promotional incentive unless the subscription is put on a retroactive basis.

Details regarding offers with promotional incentives shall be reported in paragraph 7 of the Circulation Statement.

Single copies sold in Europe with a promotional incentive (cover mount), shall report copies sold as "qualified paid," regardless of the value of the promotional incentive offered.

N3.30.1 (continued)

During a temporary study period single copies and subscriptions sold in the Middle East with a promotional incentive shall report the subscription as "qualified paid," regardless of the value of the promotional incentive.

N3.30.2

For Single Copy Sales, a promotional incentive (cover mount) is any inducement offered by the last agent in the chain of distribution (point-of-purchase).

Any inducement attached to, or polybagged with, a single copy at the point-of-purchase is considered a promotional incentive (cover mount).

N3.30.3

Free promotional incentives, the contents of which have been published either in print or electronic medium, are reported as "sold with editorial promotional incentive (including reprints)."

Editorial promotional incentives include: reprints of newspaper sections, books, other printed reference matter (paid annual periodicals excluded), pamphlets, disks containing items such as compilations of newspaper editorials, software demonstrations, etc.

N3.30.4

The promotion on the cover of a newspaper of an advertiser's coupon within the newspaper is not considered a promotional incentive.

When single copies are sold with a promotional incentive, the publisher must collect payment greater than the full value of the promotional incentive. The value of the promotional incentive is considered to be the actual cost to the publisher, or the recognized retail value or represented value, whichever is highest.

Single copies sold in Europe and the Middle East with a promotional incentive (cover mount), shall report copies sold as "qualified paid," regardless of the value of the promotional incentive offered.

Details regarding promotional incentive offers and the number of Single Copy Sales sold with a promotional incentive, shall be reported in paragraph 7 of the Circulation Statement.

N3.30.5

For additional rules regarding services or products sold in combination with a newspaper, see rules regarding Combined Sales, Section N3.10.

N3.31 Purchase or Transfer of Subscriptions from List of Suspended Newspapers

When a publisher purchases a newspaper and/or the subscription list of a newspaper that has ceased publishing and transfers the subscriptions to the publisher's own newspaper, the following shall apply:

The newspaper shall be homogeneous.

A record shall be available indicating the subscriber's election to receive the newspaper which has assumed the responsibility to fill the unexpired term of this suspended subscription. This election may be done through a negative option questionnaire

N3.31 (continued)

This service shall be started within six months after the last issue of this suspended newspaper, or within such further time as may be granted by the President.

The original order and proof of payment of the suspended newspaper shall be available.

The unexpired portion of the subscription is ascertained by either of the following methods, decided by the President:

By dividing the sum of money due the subscriber at the base annual price of the discontinued newspaper by the price per copy of the surviving newspaper, said per copy price to be a pro rata price of the base annual subscription price of that newspaper.

By counting the number of copies of the discontinued newspaper still due the subscriber and crediting the subscriber with this number of copies of the surviving newspaper.

A separate analysis of transferred subscriptions shall be made in paragraph 5 for one Circulation Statement and one Audit Report and all details concerning such subscriptions shall be reported in paragraph 10 as determined by the President.

The subscriptions cannot be reported as paid circulation beyond the expiration date.

N3.32 Qualified Circulation

That circulation that conforms to the terms of the "Statement of Publishing and Circulation Policy" and is verified by auditable documentary evidence.

Individuals receiving copies of electronic editions, may only be considered as qualified circulation if such copies are elicited through either personal, company request, or as a benefit of membership.

N3.33 Qualified Non-Paid Circulation

That circulation which meets the requirements of the above definition and which is distributed free of charge to the recipient.

N3.34 Qualified Paid Subscription Circulation

N3.34.1

That circulation which is not for resale, meets the above definition for qualification and the requirements listed below.

N3.34.2

Subscription payment orders shall conform to the following conditions:

It may be paid for at any price, and shall not be free of charge.

N3.34.3

Subscriptions sold with a portion of the proceeds going towards a charitable contribution shall exclude the charitable contribution from the subscription order amount, when reporting the subscription price.

N3.34.4

Payment shall not be delinquent for more than six months after the beginning of the subscription service. A subscription that is ordered for which no payment had been received is considered a credit subscription. A credit subscription shall be counted as paid circulation up to six months from the date of the first issue served. If payment for such subscriptions has not been received within six months from the date of the first issue served, such copies shall be deducted from the qualified paid circulation for all copies served during this period.

N3.34.5

A subscription sold on a “renew until forbid” basis may be reported as paid circulation until the subscriber cancels. All copies served from the moment the consumer cancels the subscription until the publisher receives notification of the cancellation, shall be reported as paid circulation as long as the publisher receives payment for the issues served (either from the consumer or agent). If the publisher is debited for unpaid copies served, then only the copies served which meets the arrears criteria may be reported in paid circulation. (See Arrears, Section N3.3).

N3.34.6

Subscriptions sold with an advertising contract shall be paid in addition to the regular advertising contract, and shall give the advertiser the option of deducting the subscription price from the contract if they do not wish to receive the newspaper.

N3.34.7

Subscriptions sold via the redemption of affinity program points, e.g. frequent flyer miles, loyalty program points, etc., shall adhere to the following:

- Participants shall elect to participate in the program;

The earning of miles, points, etc., shall be transaction based. For example, points earned for credit card purchase/borrowing activity and purchase of air travel, hotel stays, or car rentals, etc. qualify. Points earned without transaction activity (no financial transaction occurs) do not qualify for redemption as paid circulation;
- Points shall be accruable towards future redemption's.
- Points awarded upon enrollment shall be less than 50% of the lowest valued product/service offered in the program.
- All affinity point programs shall offer non-newspaper products/services. Newspapers may not represent more than 75% of each program.
- The value of all products and services shall be disclosed, in both monetary values and points.
- The value of non-newspaper products/ services shall be equal to or greater than the lowest valued newspaper.
- The redeemable units of measure, e.g. miles, shall have a recognizable and accepted monetary value.
- Adequate documentation of the transfer or redemption of the units of measure, e.g. frequent flyer miles, shall be made available to the audit staff.
- The President shall have final approval of all affinity programs prior to acceptance for use in obtaining qualified paid circulation.

N3.34.8

Copies exchanged for goods or services, or sold without using money (barter) may be claimed as qualified paid (barter) circulation providing:

- The requirements relating to qualified paid circulation have been met.
- The goods and services exchanged must have been sold in the public domain over the last twelve months and have a clearly identifiable and established market value.
- The publisher is in possession of a written agreement with the purchaser, supported by invoiced transactions showing the quantities of copies/goods and services bartered and their value.
- The publisher has provided proof that the barter transactions have been recorded in the publishing company's accounting system and subsequent financial statements.
- The value of the copies sold is not subsequently redeemed by free advertising.
- The goods or services provided in exchange for the publication are not related to the supply of the publication (e.g. costs for distribution or marketing of the publication).

Barter circulation shall be reported separately in paragraphs 1 and 5.

N3.35 Single Copy Sales

N3.35.1

Those copies of a newspaper sold through newsstands, boxes and other retail outlets and reported as qualified paid circulation throughout a BPA Worldwide Newspaper Audit Circulation Statement or Audit Report. These sales shall be reported separately in paragraphs 1, 3, and 5.

N3.35.2

If final single copy sales figures are not available at the time the circulation statement is filed, the publisher may project single copy sales using the preceding twelve months of final sales figures and applying the sale percentage to the draw for each open issue.

N3.35.3

Single Copy Sales shall conform to the following conditions:

Copies shall be paid for by the last agent in the chain of distribution (point-of-purchase) at any price and payment shall be remitted to the publisher by the final settlement date (See N3.18).

Single Copy Sales - Non-returnable: The publisher may provide signed affidavits from the last agent of sale, supporting the number of copies sold to consumers, or may apply the formula in rule N3.35.

N3.35.4

If a publisher does not wish to collect non-returnable single copy sale affidavits they may use the following formula:

The total possible sale (draw) shall be reduced by a prorated amount calculated on the basis of whatever discounted price is actually remitted by the agent at point-of-purchase. The total amount paid to the publisher from the vendor shall be divided by the cover price to yield copies "*sold*". For example, a publisher allows a 50% discount off cover price for vendors on a non-returnable system. If the vendor draws 100 copies at 50% of the \$.50 cover price, \$25.00 would be paid to the publisher. Dividing this by the \$.50 cover price yields 50 copies that may be claimed as "*single copy sales*".

Details regarding non-returnable sales shall be provided in paragraph 6.

N3.35.5

When single copies are sold with promotional incentive, the publisher must collect payment greater than the full value of the promotional incentives.

N3.36 Single Copy Sales (Bulk)

N3.36.1

Copies of an issue purchased in quantities of two or more, which promote the interest of the purchaser and otherwise conform to the definition of qualified paid circulation shall be reported as Single Copy Sales in paragraph 1, identified separately in paragraph 5 and shown on an issue-by-issue basis in paragraph 10.

N3.36.2

Money collected by an agent need not be remitted to the publisher provided necessary records are in place to document the purchase and price paid by the original subscriber. However, each sponsorship – third-party sale transaction must be without monetary recourse to the publisher.

N3.37 Single Copy Sales (Non-Returnable)

Copies provided to wholesalers/retailers for resale for which returns will not be accepted, shall be reported as Single Copy Sales in paragraph 1, identified separately in paragraph 5. Particulars of individual sales representing 5% or more of the average single copy sales for the period reported shall be shown in paragraph 6.

N3.38 Special Three or Six Month Audit

A newspaper may request the President to provide a special three or six month audit ending with a month other than June or December, if in the President's judgment, circumstances warrant the audit and the newspaper meets the following conditions:

The newspaper's request for the special three or six month audit shall be in writing explaining the reason for the audit.

The newspaper shall pay a regular auditing charge for the special audit.

N3.38 (continued)

A newspaper, which has chosen a period ending with a month other than June or December for its special three or six month Audit Report, shall transfer back to the standard June or December schedule with its first Circulation Statement following the special three or six month Audit Report, and include whatever previously audited issues are necessary to complete the six month period.

The newspaper may continue to audit on its original audit cycle, or, with approval of the President, the audit cycle may be changed.

N3.39 Sponsored/Third-Party Circulation

N3.39.1

Circulation which promotes the interests of the sponsor/donor and which otherwise conforms to the definition of qualified paid circulation shall be reported in Paragraphs 1, 3, 5, and 9. This includes carrier, mail, electronic, bulk and single-copy sales. Each sponsorship/third-party sale transaction must be without monetary recourse to the purchaser.

Sponsored/Third-Party circulation sold with advertising shall meet the following criteria:

The advertising agreement and newspaper purchase agreement are shown on separate contracts; or

The advertising agreement includes specific language disclosing the newspaper purchase price within the contract when the agreement includes both advertising and newspapers; or

The purchase price of the newspaper is a separate itemized line within the contract or invoice when the agreement includes both advertising and the newspaper.

The purchase transaction must be separate from any other financial agreement between the third party purchaser and the newspaper.

Recipients must be advised that the copies are made available by the purchaser.

Recipients must receive initial notification that includes all information necessary to cancel delivery.

A clear audit trail must be maintained from the invoice/contract to the circulation records.

N3.39.2

If the purchaser has a financial interest in the newspaper, those copies purchased may not be included in qualified paid circulation unless it can be proven to the satisfaction of the President that the sale was made for the benefit of the purchaser and not for the benefit of the newspaper.

N3.39.3

Agents shall not be sponsors of subscriptions or single copies. Having a "doing business as" (DBA) name is not sufficient to establish an agent's DBA operation as a sponsor.

N3.39.4

Copies exchanged for goods or services, or sold without using money (barter) may be claimed as qualified paid (barter) circulation providing:

- The requirements relating to qualified paid circulation have been met.
- The goods and services exchanged must have been sold in the public domain over the last twelve months and have a clearly identifiable and established market value.
- The publisher is in possession of a written agreement with the purchaser, supported by invoiced transactions showing the quantities of copies/goods and services bartered and their value.
- The publisher has provided proof that the barter transactions have been recorded in the publishing company's accounting system and subsequent financial statements.
- The value of the copies sold is not subsequently redeemed by free advertising.
- The goods or services provided in exchange for the publication are not related to the supply of the publication (e.g. costs for distribution or marketing of the publication).

Barter circulation shall be reported separately in paragraphs 1 and 5.

N3.40 Subscriptions

Contractual agreement by an individual or a firm to purchase one or more copies of a newspaper for a given period at a price.

N3.41 Subscription Extensions

Number of subscriptions extended because of subscription price reductions or a reduction in the frequency of issue will be reported in paragraph 10.

N3.42

When a publisher reduces the base annual price of a newspaper, subscriptions are extended as follows:

The unexpired portion of the subscription shall be extended in the ratio that the value of such unexpired portion at the old base rate bears to the new base rate.

All calculations shall be made effective from the date of the issue with which the price change has occurred.

N3.43

When a publisher has reduced the base annual price and has extended the expiration date as specified above, and then, at a later date, has raised the basic annual price the new expiration dates for subscriptions originally extended shall be cut back in the ratio that the newest base price bears to the last base price. All calculations shall be made effective from the date of issue with which the price change has occurred.

N3.44

When a publisher increases the frequency without a change in subscription rates, the publisher may extend the subscription period ordered by the subscriber. Details regarding subscription extensions shall appear in paragraph 10.

N3.45 Suspension of Service

A subscriber may suspend service due to vacation or other reason. The subscriber may request a refund for the suspended copies, they may extend the subscription term for the same term as the suspension of service, or they may donate the value of the suspended copies to the publisher's newspapers in education program.

N3.46 Sweepstakes, Prize Draws or Contests

Any subscription offer in which a prize is offered by lottery shall be considered as sold using a sweepstakes, prize draw or contest.

Details regarding these offers shall be reported in paragraph 7 of the Circulation Statement.

N3.47 Term of Subscription

Length of time a publisher contracts with a subscriber to send issues of the newspaper.

N3.48 Third Party Agents

Subscriptions sold through agencies. The agency shall be a recognized business concern. It shall be the publisher's responsibility to provide proof of qualification for such recipients.

Money collected by an agency need not be remitted to the publisher provided necessary records are in place to document the purchase and price paid by the original subscriber.

N4.0 - CIRCULATION STATEMENT - GENERAL

N4.1

Publisher members shall report their circulation on forms supplied by the Corporation.

The filing of the publisher's circulation data shall operate as an automatic grant to the Corporation of a perpetual and irrevocable right and license to use, publish, distribute and market, solely or in conjunction with others, circulation data and other data, in any form and manner authorized by the Board of Directors.

N4.2

In the interests of uniformity in the appearance and typographical setup of the BPA Worldwide Newspaper Circulation Statements and Audit Reports, BPA Worldwide will process all paragraphs which require special typesetting, ruling and extra pages. Where additional costs are incurred in setting up special paragraphs, the newspaper member shall be billed those costs.

N4.3

Time required to process a Circulation Statement or Audit Report shall be charged for at a uniform flat rate to be set from time to time by the Board of Directors.

N4.4 Publisher Applicant

An applicant shall file a three or six month Circulation Statement as the basis for his initial audit for the consecutive three or six month period specified by the President during which qualified circulation has been practiced. Upon completion of the audit and approval by a majority of the Board of Directors, the publisher will be admitted to membership and the statement shall be released as an initial Audit Report.

N4.5 Publisher Members

BPA Worldwide Newspaper Audit Members will release two Circulation Statements each year for the six months ended June and for the six months ended December.

The six-month statements will be checked and released as Circulation Statements upon receipt and completion of processing. The Circulation Statements form the basis for the Audit Report. The audit will be completed after the auditor's examination of the publisher's records. Audit Report (See N3.4)

The audit will be made in the publisher's office and/or wherever the records can be properly checked.

A newspaper applicant, which has chosen a period ended with a month other than June or December for its initial Audit Report, shall transfer to the standard June or December schedule with its first Circulation Statement following the initial Audit Report and include whatever previously audited issues are necessary to complete the six month period.

N4.6

Statements as outlined in the preceding sections shall be filed with the Corporation within thirty days after the period, which they cover.

No member shall be granted an extension of time to file except without the consent of the President of the Corporation, who shall not grant an extension greater than thirty days, without a showing that the filing delay is a result of extenuating circumstances clearly beyond the newspaper member's control. Failure to file a statement on or before the due date or the end date of an authorized extension, shall result in a suspension of services to the newspaper member and will subject the newspaper member to disciplinary action as outlined in Section 10.0 of the Bylaws.

At any time after the end date of an authorized extension, if the required Circulation Statement has not been filed, BPA Worldwide shall post an advisory to the BPA Worldwide website notifying the membership of the newspaper's failure to file. All costs incurred in creating and posting an advisory, if any, shall be paid for by the subject newspaper member.

No later than sixty days after the close of each reporting period, the web site, www.bpaww.com, will display the status of producing each Circulation Statement that has not been posted to the web site. The previous period's statement would be moved to "history" at this time.

When a statement is received by BPA Worldwide 1 – 14 days after the stated due date and a proof copy created, the publisher shall advise BPA of the acceptance of the proof copy within ten business days after the proof copy has been issued. Statements received 15+ days after the stated due date shall have five business days to accept the proof. However, for publishers filing statements prior to the stated due date and receiving a proof copy before the stated due date, the counting of business days for the acceptance process shall commence with the filing due date and not from the date the proof copy was created. For all others, final approval shall be received within twenty business days of receipt of the first proof.

The President of the Corporation shall not grant an extension without a showing that the delay in approving the proof copy is a result of extenuating circumstances clearly beyond the publication member's control.

N4.6 (continued)

Failure to advise BPA of the acceptance of the proof copy by this date shall result in suspension of services to the newspaper member and will subject the newspaper member to disciplinary action as outlined in Section 10.0 of the Bylaws. BPA Worldwide shall post an advisory on its website, notifying the membership of the newspaper's failure to approve the proof copy. All costs incurred in creating and posting an advisory to the website, if any, shall be paid for by the subject newspaper member.

All signatures on Circulation Statements submitted to the Corporation shall be over the individual's name and title.

N4.7

The publisher has the option of submitting the special SRDS, BRAD, or similar form supplied by BPA Worldwide and an additional copy of their six-month Circulation Statement. When the statement has been processed, typeset and approved for printing by the publisher, the SRDS, BRAD, or similar form will be forwarded by BPA Worldwide to Standard Rate and Data Service, British Rates and Data, or similar company for inclusion in its next issue. The additional Circulation Statement which has been approved by BPA Worldwide will be returned to the publisher in advance of their printed copies for their use in preparing promotional material.

N4.8

Printed copies of Circulation Statements and Audit Reports may be purchased by a member of the Corporation at a price established by the Board of Directors.

N4.9

All language and terminology in the circulation statement and audit reports shall be factual and auditable.

N4.10

No facts, figures or statements shall appear in the circulation statement and audit report other than those expressly authorized in these Rules.

N4.11

In the event of a disagreement with a decision of the President, a publisher member may request a hearing before an appropriate committee of the Board of Directors.

N5.0 - CIRCULATION STATEMENT – CONTENTS

N5.1

All language and terminology shall be factual and auditable. A member may not claim or imply that BPA Worldwide audits:

readership or intent to read;

recipient's buying authority or influence.

No facts, figures or statements shall appear in the circulation statement and audit report other than those expressly authorized in these Rules. In the event of a disagreement with a decision of the President, a publisher member may request a hearing before an appropriate committee of the Board of Directors.

N5.2

All newspaper members shall report their total qualified circulation in paragraphs 1, 3, 4, and 5, of the Circulation Statement. Paragraph 4 reports the average circulation of previous periods.

Newspaper members shall report their qualified paid and non-paid circulation separately in paragraphs 1, 3, 4, and 5.

N5.3

The first page of the statement shall contain the name of the newspaper; publishing company; principal telephone number; fax number; email address; Web site URL; address of publishing company; whether or not an official benefit of membership newspaper; and the year of newspaper's establishment.

N5.4

A publisher member shall notify BPA Worldwide of any change in the name of their newspaper. At this time the publisher shall declare whether or not they wish to change the date the newspaper was established. Any change in the date of establishment should be consistent with the volume number appearing in the masthead of the newspaper. If the date of establishment and volume numbers are changed, the newspaper will be considered a new newspaper and subject to the rules requiring application for membership.

N5.5

Whenever two or more newspapers are merged, the following comment shall appear in the upper left hand corner of two consecutive Circulation Statements and one Audit Report: *Merged Newspaper -See Paragraph 10*. Paragraph 10 shall report the date of merger and other applicable information.

N5.6

"Statement of Publishing and Circulation Policy" shall contain a statement concerning the means of distribution of the newspaper and the terms of qualification. A regional newspaper shall include a description of the geographical area(s) served. Auditable documentary evidence shall be available to support the conformance to the terms of qualification. The description in this paragraph shall include all editions and the geographic areas covered by each edition.

If electronic edition circulation exists, the method of distribution shall be fully disclosed within the "Statement of Publishing and Circulation Policy."

N5.7

Statement of Publishing and Circulation Policy may NOT contain any reference to:

Requests to receive the newspaper.

Recipient's reading or intent to read the newspaper.

Any claim that all people of a certain category receive the newspaper.

A classification which is not reported in paragraph 5 of the statement.

N5.8 Paragraph 1: Average Circulation for Period

All copies listed in this Section are directed to subscribers or recipients as stated in the "Statement of Publishing and Circulation Policy."

5.8 (continued)

Non-Paid Newspapers shall include:

| | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| TOTAL AVERAGE CIRCULATION | |
| Total Non-Paid Circulation | |
| Circulation Channels | |
| A) | Individuals..... |
| B) | Public place distribution at retail, public, and private locations..... |
| C) | Boxes..... |
| TOTAL CIRCULATION | |
| | |

Paid Newspapers shall include:

| 1. AVERAGE CIRCULATION FOR THE 6 MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 2009 | | |
|--|------------------------------|--------|
| | Daily (Monday - Saturday) | Sunday |
| TOTAL CIRCULATION | | |
| I. Paid Circulation | | |
| Subscriptions: | | |
| Carrier _____ | | |
| Mail _____ | | |
| Bulk _____ | | |
| Total Subscriptions _____ | | |
| Single Copy Sales _____ | | |
| Newspapers in Education _____ | | |
| Employee Copies _____ | | |
| Sub-Total | | |
| II. Paid Sponsored/Third Party Subscriptions | | |
| Subscriptions: | | |
| Carrier _____ | | |
| Mail _____ | | |
| Bulk _____ | | |
| Total Subscriptions _____ | | |
| Single Copy Sales _____ | | |
| Newspapers in Education _____ | | |
| Sub-Total | | |
| Total Paid Circulation | | |
| III. TOTAL NON-PAID CIRCULATION | | |
| Individual | | |
| 1) Carrier delivery _____ | | |
| 2) Mail delivery _____ | | |
| Bulk Distribution _____ | | |
| Total Non-Paid | | |
| TOTAL QUALIFIED CIRCULATION | | |

The average circulation of separate issues (or groupings of issues) can be reported in columnar format at the option of the publisher.

N5.8 (continued)

Publishers reporting multiple platforms (print, digital for computers, tablets, mobile, restricted access websites, etc) may use the following tables:

| . EXECUTIVE SUMMARY1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY | | | | | |
|--|-------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | Print | Digital Replica | Digital Non-Replica | Gross Total | Net Unique Recipients |
| Total Average Paid | | | | | |
| Individual _____ | | | | | |
| Multi-Copy _____ | | | | | |
| Single Copy Sales _____ | | | | | |
| Subtotal | | | | | |
| Total Paid Sponsored/Third Party | | | | | |
| Individual _____ | | | | | |
| Multi-Copy _____ | | | | | |
| Single Copy Sales _____ | | | | | |
| Subtotal | | | | | |
| Total Paid | | | | | |
| Total Average Non-Paid | | | | | |
| Individual _____ | | | | | |
| Multi-Copy _____ | | | | | |
| Single Copy Sales _____ | | | | | |
| Total Non-Paid | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | |

N5.8 (continued)

Digital editions shall be reported as replica and non-replica. Replica and non-replica editions shall be broken out further into: replica, replica plus, targeted, and dynamic editions. Publishers may also report replica, enhanced, targeted and dynamic by platform (computer, tablet, mobile, restricted access website, etc).

N5.9

If, over a period of three months, the average circulation of a daily newspaper is, on a certain day of the week, 15 percent above or below the average for the other days of the week, the circulation for such day on which the overage or deficiency occurs shall be shown separately and the average for the other days shall be shown as the “daily average”.

If, over a period of three months, the average circulation of a daily newspaper is, on a certain day of the week, less than 15 percent but more than 5 percent in excess of or below the average for the other days of the week, the circulation for such day on which the excess or deficiency occurs may, at the option of the publisher, be shown separately and the average for the other days shown as the “daily average”.

The above options must receive approval from the president of the corporation.

Newspapers may report average paid circulation for each day of the week, at their option.

N5.10 Paragraph 2: Average Non-qualified Distribution Audited as to Quantity Only

This distribution is reported in paragraph 2 of the Circulation Statement as “In addition to the qualified circulation the following average distribution is audited as to quantity only” and includes the following:

- Advertisers, Agencies
- Other

Non-qualified copies distributed by the publisher's salespeople to prospects are reported within paragraph 2 of the Circulation Statement as “Advertiser and Agency Copies”.

“Other” would include copies which fail to conform to the terms of the “Statement Of Publishing and Circulation Policy.”

N5.11 Paragraph 3: Average Monthly Circulation

Report the average monthly figures for the circulation as follows:

| 3. AVERAGE MONTHLY CIRCULATION DAILY EDITION (MONDAY - SATURDAY EDITION) | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Month | Paid | | | Non-Paid | | | Total Paid & Non-Paid Circulation |
| | Paid Circulation | Paid Sponsored/ Third party | Total Paid | Individual Non-paid | Bulk Non-Paid | Total Non-Paid | |
| January _____ | | | | | | | |
| February _____ | | | | | | | |
| March _____ | | | | | | | |
| April _____ | | | | | | | |
| May _____ | | | | | | | |
| June _____ | | | | | | | |

If the average electronic edition circulation is equal to or greater than 5% of the average paid circulation for the period, the electronic edition circulation shall be detailed separately throughout the report.

N5.11 (continued)

When averages of issues are reported in separate columns in Paragraph 1, the same issue groupings shall each be reported in Paragraph 3.

N5.12 Paragraph 4: Average audited circulation at end of previous audit

Shall report the total audited average qualified circulation for the preceding three audit periods.

N5.13 Paragraph 5: Geographic Analysis of Circulation

Shall contain a breakout of a specific issue for newspapers with a frequency less than daily. The breakout for Daily Newspapers may be for a specific issue, or the average of the statement period.

The specific issue shall be any issue in May on the June Circulation Statement and any issue in November on the December Circulation Statement.

When averages of issues (weekday, weekend, etc) are reported in separate columns in paragraph 1, the same issue groupings shall each be reported in paragraph 5.

Electronic edition subscribers who do not provide a land address may be reported as "email address only."

N5.13.1 Maps

Circulation Statements and Audit Reports may include a map of distribution.

N5.14 Paragraph 6: Were returns accepted or allowances made for undelivered, left over and unsold copies?

Shall report if sales of single copies were on a returnable or non-returnable basis including any necessary explanations.

N5.15 Paragraph 7: Promotional Incentive, combination, contests and other special offers

Details regarding premium offers, promotional incentives, combination sales, contests or any other special offers must be reported in this paragraph of the Circulation Statement and Audit Report.

Newspapers reporting any Single Copy Sales sold with a promotional incentive (cover mount) shall show in paragraph 7 a monthly analysis of the number of single copies sold with a promotional incentive. The nature of the promotional incentive (cover mount) and provisions of the offer shall also be described.

N5.16 Paragraph 8: Arrears under three months

Shall report the number of paid subscribers in arrears as of the issue analyzed in paragraph 5.

If paragraph 5 analyzes the average for the period, the arrears shall be as of any issue in May on the June Circulation Statement and shall be as at any issue in November for the December Circulation Statement.

N5.17 Paragraph 9: Prices

Shall report the basic price(s) offered for each regularly established duration.

All sponsored/third-party sales must be disclosed including price and quantity.

All barter sales shall be disclosed including price and quantity.

Any other offers made during the reporting period are to be reported in paragraph 9.

N5.18 Paragraph 10 Additional Data

Shall contain any additional explanatory information necessary to supplement facts reported elsewhere in the statement. Only data approved by the President shall be shown in this paragraph.

N5.19

Newspapers reporting bulk paid circulation in paragraph 1 of the Circulation Statement shall report an analysis of that bulk circulation in paragraph 10 as follows:

"Qualified paid bulk subscriptions averaging copies were sold, in quantities of to, to qualified recipients at the following subscription prices:"

N5.20

Newspapers reporting Single Copy Sales in paragraph 1 and include Single Copy Sales that are bulk sales and/or Non-Returnable Sales in that figure, shall report each individual sale that represents 5% or more of the average single copy sales for the period reported in paragraph 10 by Single Copy Sales, Bulk Sales and Non-Returnable Sales as an average for the period (see N3.34.4 and N3.35).

N5.21

Newspapers reporting Single Copy Sales in paragraph 1 and including Non-Returnable in that figure, shall note in paragraph 6 the methodology used to determine net sales. (See N3.34.4).

N5.22 Publisher's Affidavit

A Circulation Statement shall carry the publisher's affidavit containing two signatures. At least one of the two signatures shall be that of an officer of the publishing company or its authorized representative. If you file electronically, the signed affidavit must be faxed or mailed to BPA Worldwide.

This requirement shall not apply to a corrected Circulation Statement issued by BPA Worldwide as provided in Section N7.6 of these Rules.

N5.23 Date Received

All Circulation Statements will contain the date received by BPA Worldwide.

N6.0 - REQUIREMENTS AND RECORDS NECESSARY FOR AN AUDIT

N6.1 General

The BPA Worldwide Newspaper Audit methodology is based upon a perpetual inventory record by issue of the names on a circulation list. It is a publisher member's responsibility to insure the accurate maintenance of their circulation list and records in accordance with these Rules. The BPA Worldwide Newspaper Audit is designed to verify and authenticate the publisher's circulation claims.

N6.2 Circulation List

An electronic file of all names on the qualified subscriber list for the issue analyzed shall be provided for the auditor. A physical count of the circulation list shall be made by geographical distribution, and by the classifications shown in paragraph 5 of the Circulation Statements.

N6.3 Records

A copy of each issue, press run reports, and paper consumption reports shall be available. The auditor may request access to any ledger accounts relative to circulation and such inspection shall be made with a representative of the newspaper present.

N6.4

Publisher members shall provide for the auditor's examination proof of distribution of every issue of the newspaper for the period being audited. This proof shall be in the form of receipts from carrier delivery, post office delivery, other courier delivery, and single copy sale draw/sale/return reports.

In addition, proof of payment for distribution must be retained for the auditor's examination.

For electronic editions, summary reports of alerts and distribution/downloads shall be provided to the auditor with corresponding logs. (See N3.13)

N6.5

Proof of classification as reported in paragraph 5 shall be available for all recipients on the qualified circulation list. This proof may be no older than three years from the date of the issue analyzed.

N6.6

Original orders, dues invoices, membership application forms and proof of payment for all qualified paid subscriptions shall be available to the auditor as to price, term, expiration date, how ordered and use of promotional incentive, if any.

N6.7

Publishers shall maintain on file for use of the auditor, copies of all subscription offers, and copies of all contracts made with solicitors, subscription agencies or any other parties through whom subscriptions are obtained for their newspapers as well as for handlers (national distributors and/or wholesalers and/or retailers) of single copy sales. The auditor may request access to any ledger accounts relative to circulation, and such inspection shall be made with a representative of the newspaper present.

N6.8

Newspapers shall code to denote on computer records and display on a resulting printout, price paid, demographic classification (if any), source and date of qualification, length for each subscription, use of promotional incentive and subscription expiration date.

N6.9

Circulation Statement the publisher shall run tabulations separating counts of the qualified paid circulation, sponsored, and qualified non-paid circulation respectively.

N6.10

Newspapers reporting Single Copy Sales in paragraph 1 shall maintain records to substantiate the claim.

A shipping manifest indicating destinations for breakout shipments and bulk shipping receipts for distribution of copies from the printer to the first point(s) of redistribution, either the distributor, wholesaler/breakup agent, or outlet dealing directly with the publisher shall be maintained.

Publishers shall maintain accounts specific to each newspaper title for any national distributor, wholesale vendor with whom they conduct single copy sales transactions.

All account entries shall be documented including invoices for the draw, covers or affidavits for returns, and adequate evidence of payments received and credits issued.

N6.11

All documents used in verifying the qualified circulation list as the issue analyzed shall be available to the auditor.

N6.12

Qualification evidence submitted by the publisher shall support all the circulation data. However, evidence supporting the street address or box number may be omitted whenever the national post office notifies the publisher of an address change.

N6.13

The following types of records shall NOT be acceptable as evidence of recipient qualification:

Any reports originating within the newspaper's own organization or from the publisher's staff with the exception of telephone interviews which have been approved by BPA Worldwide.

N6.14

BPA Worldwide can supply all the necessary worksheets to the publisher for the completion of the data reported in the Circulation Statements.

Form 1-2 is a perpetual inventory of circulation which will record the qualified circulation by qualified paid, sponsored paid, qualified non-paid and total qualified circulation by issue. Also recorded on this form is the non-qualified distribution. The reporting of information on this form is mandatory for all newspapers.

N6.15

The preparation, maintenance and availability of all requirements and records necessary for an audit as stated in these Rules shall be the responsibility of the publisher. The employment of outside agents or firms for any and all circulation work does not relieve the publisher member of their responsibility.

N6.16

All records necessary for an audit shall be retained by the publisher until the next audit has been completed.

N6.17

The publisher shall provide electronic files of all subscribers on the qualified distribution list for the issue(s) analyzed, including all of the coding information for each recipient.

N6.18

The publisher shall provide separate computer tabulations for each paragraph reported.

N6.19

The publisher shall retain a "*frozen*" file of the issue analyzed until the annual audit has been completed. The auditor may conduct any tests to verify the accuracy of the above reports.

N6.20

The publisher shall allow the auditor to examine the fulfillment process manuals, including the coding instructions and system flow charts.

N7.0 - Audit Procedure**N7.1**

The auditor shall examine all available records pertaining to circulation as required in Section N6.0 of these Rules.

N7.2

Subscriber lists, circulation qualification records and other sources shall be examined and tested to verify analysis of circulation.

N7.3

Officers and employees concerned with circulation may be questioned with regard to work on the records in their charge.

N7.4

The auditor may compare and crosscheck data from these various sources, conduct confirmations and make any other tests considered essential to the complete and accurate authentication of the Audit Report.

The publisher shall be billed for the costs incurred for special tests considered to be essential to complete the audit.

N7.5

The auditor may visit the printer's plant and bindery and secure records pertaining to the newspaper and may also visit the mailing room or any other department or plant that is concerned with the production or distribution of the newspaper. For these purposes the cooperation of the publisher shall be expected.

N7.6

As a result of an audit, whenever there has been a substantial change in the circulation data as reported originally in the Circulation Statement, a membership advisory shall be issued by BPA Worldwide which shall bear the legend "Membership Advisory (See Paragraph 10)." Prior to the issuance of a membership advisory, however, the publisher shall be notified by registered mail or other courier mail (return receipt requested) of the auditor's findings, and shall have ten days to appeal the auditor's findings prior to the release of a membership advisory. In the event of an appeal, the auditor's findings will be reviewed by the President. If the publisher disagrees with the decision of the President they may, within 10 days, request a further review by the Board of Directors.

In addition, BPA Worldwide may post on its web site or release in some other way, a bulletin to its members whenever a Circulation Statement is corrected. Whenever an adjusted Audit Report, membership advisory or bulletin is released, the publisher shall be billed for the charges incurred.

N7.7

Whenever membership advisories are issued for a member for two sequential audits, the Corporation shall not release the subsequent Circulation Statement without auditing it first. The publisher shall be billed the audit charge for this special audit in accordance with rates as established from time to time by the Board of Directors. In addition, the matter will be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee for a review of the membership status of the newspaper for possible further action as provided for under Section 10.0 of the Bylaws.

N7.8

If it becomes necessary for an auditor to remove from the publisher's premises any receipts, documents, etc., the auditor shall be required to have two identical receipts signed by the auditor and the publisher or a publisher's representative listing the material taken. One receipt is to be kept by the auditor and the other by the publisher, both receipts to be destroyed upon the auditor's return of the material.

N7.9

Services shall be suspended by the President for any newspaper whose audit takes over 75 days to complete or such further time as granted by the President. The Publisher may appeal the President's decision in writing to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors within seven days from receipt of the President's decision. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final. In the event of suspension, a notice shall be posted on BPA's web site and/or released to the membership and the publisher may not publicize any circulation data until the successful completion of that audit.

N8.0 Publicity

N8.1

The Corporation has rights in the Corporation's name, trademarks and figures appearing in the Corporation's released statements and reports (hereinafter referred to as "The Corporation's rights").

The Corporation owns the copyright in all statements and reports either filed with or published by the Corporation including, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, all Circulation Statements, Corrected Circulation Statements, Audit Reports and Bulletins. By executing the Application for Membership, each member thereby assigns and transfers to the Corporation any right, title or interest, whether in copyright or otherwise, that such member may have now or in the future in any data or information provided to the Corporation.

The proper and widest possible use of the Corporation's rights is highly desirable. The use by a member of the Corporation's rights implies that the Corporation has approved or authorized their use in the form as used. Members should, therefore, contact the Corporation if they wish to use the Corporation's rights in a manner other than as set out in these Rules and Regulations.

As every member has an interest in protecting the Corporation's rights, the Corporation has set out the following guidelines relating to the use of the Corporation's rights. Although they are not designed or intended to restrict legitimate and proper use, they are set down to protect the integrity and reliability of the Corporation, the Corporation's rights and the audited circulation figures published by it.

N8.2

The provision of the Bylaws and Rules relating to publicity shall apply equally to applicants for membership.

N8.3

Any printed or electronic document, advertisement, promotion material, or communication (including communications and documents designed for intra- or interoffice use) which is published or distributed in any manner outside of a publisher's own staff (including information disseminated via e-mail or the Internet/World Wide Web) is subject to the provisions of the Bylaws and Rules regarding publicity as of the time of its printing or electronic distribution.

N8.4

Any document, advertisement, promotional material or written/electronic communications that is accurate at the time of printing or electronic distribution shall not be considered in violation retroactively due to release of subsequent changes in circulation.

However, if such changes take place due to the filing of a subsequent Circulation Statement, it is the responsibility of a publisher to ensure that all new materials take into account such changes. The means by which these changes are noted are the option of the publisher.

If such changes take place due to audit, it is the responsibility of the publisher to note such changes in all material still in inventory or displayed as online promotion, within one week of receipt of the printed Audit Report from BPA Worldwide.

N8.5

For standard circulation data, absent changes in circulation due to audit, the maximum time any printed document, advertisement, promotional material or written communication shall be considered in compliance is 15 months from the time of printing. The maximum time an electronic communication shall be considered in compliance is 6 months. When changes occur subsequent to issuance of a new Circulation Statement, an electronic promotion shall be updated immediately, but within no more than 30 days.

N8.6

A member shall not make any false, fraudulent or misleading statements as to any aspect of circulation, distribution or coverage. If questions arise concerning whether a document, advertisement, promotional material or written/electronic communication is misleading, a determination shall be made by the BPA Worldwide President or designated agent, based on all available information (see Section N8.43 regarding formal complaints and appeals).

A member shall not attribute BPA Worldwide authority, stated or implied, to ancillary products, unless such products are traceable to a BPA Worldwide Circulation Statement or Audit Report.

N8.7

Rights in the logos or trademarks are owned only by the Corporation and the right to use the logos or trademarks is a privilege of membership. The use by a member of a logo or trademark carries the implication that the Corporation has approved the advertising or document in which the trademark appears. Unauthorized or improper use of the logos or trademarks may be harmful to the Corporation, the Corporation's rights and its members, and may result in the loss of the right of the Corporation to the use of the logos or trademarks.

A member shall make clear that the use of the logos or trademarks by the member is only as a member of the Corporation and there shall be no suggestion or implication that the member owns any rights in the logos or trademark. As it is not possible to set out the many different uses of logos or trademarks that could be proper or improper, a member who wishes to use the Corporation's logos or trademarks in a manner other than as set out in these Rules and Regulations or is in doubt as to proper use should contact the Corporation for advice.

N8.8

Nothing contained in these rules shall relieve a member from responsibility for the accuracy of material published or electronically disseminated, and its compliance with the rules.

N8.9

A Circulation Statement shall not be released until the Audit Report for the previous audit year has been completed and released by BPA Worldwide. A newspaper may promote or publicize circulation data from an unreleased Circulation Statement provided such data is not being withheld subject to completion of the previous audit. Such circulation claims shall be clearly noted as "Publisher's Data, Subject to Audit, [month/ year]."

N8.10

A publisher may promote projected circulation for a future issue or issues, provided such claim is clearly noted as "Publisher's Projection for [month/year] as of [month/ year]." Such projections shall also reference the appropriate figure from the most recent Circulation Statement or Audit Report. Projections may not be used as a basis for comparison with one or more audited newspapers, unless the other newspaper(s) has (have) released for the public record projections for the same time period.

N8.11

A publisher may issue an interim "Publisher's Sworn Statement" as a promotion between Circulation Statements. Such statements shall be clearly and visibly identified as "Publisher's Sworn Statement [month/ year]" at the beginning and conclusion, and on all intervening pages. A newspaper may not use the BPA Worldwide logo to denote its status as a member, nor may a "Publisher's Sworn Statement" make any other reference to membership in BPA Worldwide. A "Publisher's Sworn Statement" may not be printed on a paper stock resembling a BPA Worldwide report and should not use the typeface used by BPA Worldwide (Franklin Gothic).

A Publisher's Sworn Statement may use terminology and classifications as used in Circulation Statements and Audit Reports, but only for those terms and classifications as appear in the most recent Circulation Statement. A Publisher's Sworn Statement may not use the term "qualified" to refer to any group of subscribers that has not been audited.

N8.12

Any member of the Corporation in good standing may publicize the fact that it is a member. It may use the BPA Worldwide logo on member specific letterheads, advertising material, mastheads, or in any other place where:

The phrase "member of BPA Worldwide" might also be used.

The member would be entitled to use the BPA Worldwide logo.

The use of the BPA Worldwide logo is not detrimental to the Corporation.

N8.13

Publisher members under suspension of service may publish claims of membership only if, in connection with each such claim, the words "under suspension of service" are added. Also, any circulation data reported in the Circulation Statement or Audit Report may not be included in any promotional material while the newspaper is under suspension of service.

N8.14

A publisher applicant may publicize the fact that they have applied for membership, provided that the type proof of such announcement has first been submitted to and approved by the President. Such promotion is at the publisher's option. If a newspaper chooses to publicize its applicant status, the only language permitted is as follows:

"BPA Worldwide Newspaper Audit Membership Applied For (insert month and year BPA Worldwide accepted application)"

N8.15

If a newspaper chooses to promote its applicant status, all circulation claims shall be clearly identified as "Publisher's Own Data." No reference may be made to the pending initial audit, even if it has been scheduled or is underway at the time the promotion is released.

N8.16

An applicant may compare its unaudited total circulation figures with competitors' audited data on the basis of an applicant's equivalent issue or average, versus a competitor's previous analyzed or audited issue or average. The comparison shall clearly note the difference between the two newspapers' data, e.g., "publisher's own data" versus "audited" or "subject to audit". In such a comparison an applicant shall clearly note the month/year of application to BPA Worldwide.

N8.17

An applicant may also compare the unaudited future circulation of a "launch" issue with the most recent analyzed issue or average of a competitor. The circulation of the launch issue shall be clearly noted as a projection.

N8.18

Applicants may not use the BPA Worldwide Newspaper Audit logo until they have successfully completed their initial audit and have been voted into membership by the Board of Directors. (See Sections 2.8.3 of the Bylaws and N8.7 of these Rules).

N8.19

A publisher whose membership in BPA Worldwide has been terminated for violation of Section 10.0 of the Bylaws and who reapplies for membership may not publicize the fact that they have reapplied for membership, and shall complete their initial audit within six months of the reapplication date.

N8.20

A publisher applicant whose application for membership has been rejected by the Corporation in accordance with Section 2.8 of the Bylaws and who reapplies for membership within one year of date of rejection, may not publicize the fact that they have reapplied for membership and shall complete their initial audit within six months of the reapplication date. If a publisher reapplies for membership after the one-year anniversary of the rejected application, the publisher shall use the term "re-applied for membership mm/yy," and will have the full twelve-month term to complete their initial audit. If a publisher applicant reapplies for membership three years after the application rejection date, no reference to reapplication is required

N8.21

Any member may reprint, fax and/or publish (See Section N8.40 of these Rules) verbatim any paragraph, in whole or in part, from any newspaper's latest Circulation Statement or Audit Report released by the Corporation except paragraph 10, Additional Data.

N8.22

If portions of a paragraph are quoted, it shall be clearly stated that only portions are being used. If a single month's circulation is quoted and that month exceeds 10% variance from the average qualified circulation, then the average circulation for the period shall be footnoted.

N8.23

The period covered by the Circulation Statement or Audit Report from which the paragraph is quoted shall be stated.

N8.24

Portions of Paragraph 10, Additional Data, may be quoted subject to prior written approval of the President.

N8.25

A newspaper member may not "overprint" promotional material on any Circulation Statements or Audit Reports.

N8.26

A newspaper member may not use the terms "reader" or "readership" in any promotion or other material in a manner that claims or implies BPA Worldwide authority in reference to any aspect of circulation, distribution or coverage. e.g., interchangeably with "subscriber," "recipient," or "circulation." However, a newspaper may make general references to its readership, e.g., the way editorial content responds to readers' interests. If a publisher wishes to promote readership data, such information shall be clearly noted as to its source, e.g., "Publisher's Own Data" or "Readership Survey," with the appropriate month and year, so as to distinguish it from audited circulation or circulation subject to audit.

N8.27

When comparisons between two or among more BPA Worldwide Circulation Statements or Audit Reports are made, only the most recently released statements or Audit Reports for the same time period and as of the same date may serve as the basis for comparison. A publisher may extend the comparison back in time, if comparable figures exist for all newspapers.

If statements from the current and same time period are not available for all newspapers in the comparison, the basis should be the preceding six-month circulation cycle. The comparison shall include the current time period for those newspapers whose Circulation Statements are available, with the notation "not available as of [month/year]" for appropriate newspapers.

N8.28

A comparison shall be construed to include a comparative or absolute claim against unnamed competitors, e.g., "more circulation than any other newspaper," or "most circulation of any newspaper serving the market."

N8.29

Circulation data from an initial audit should be compared with audited circulation or circulation subject to audit from the same time period. The average circulation reported in a three-month mid-cycle initial audit may be compared with average circulation from a competitor's existing six-month Circulation Statement or audited data. All other comparisons shall be based on the next and same six-month Circulation Statements for both/all newspapers.

N8.30

A member newspaper may compare unaudited “Publisher’s Own Data” with audited circulation or data reported in a Circulation Statement and subject to audit for another newspaper, provided such “Publisher’s Own Data” neither negates nor supersedes the most recent Circulation Statement. This includes comparisons incorporating “Publisher’s Sworn Statements.” Any comparisons including “Publisher’s Own Data” and audited data subject to audit shall clearly distinguish between the two.

N8.31

A member may claim or imply BPA Worldwide Newspaper Audit authority only for the actual figures, classifications, breakouts, or statements as they appear in BPA Worldwide statements and Audit Reports. A publisher may, for the purpose of editorial brevity or clarity, use language similar but not identical to that in a newspaper’s Circulation Statement or Audit Report, provided such editorial changes do not affect the type of circulation reported. Should questions arise as to whether such changes are permissible, a determination will be made by the BPA Worldwide President.

N8.32

A member may regroup BPA Worldwide figures, classifications, breakouts or statements without the literal reproduction of relevant Circulation Statement(s), provided the methodology is clearly noted.

N8.33

In any promotional piece, even when not using the BPA Worldwide logo, but reporting recognizable language and/or data traceable to a BPA Worldwide Circulation Statement or Audit Report it can be implied or inferred that such language or data is BPA Worldwide audited.

N8.34

A newspaper may use and promote unaudited circulation figures if clearly noted as “Publisher’s Own Data”. This includes proprietary but independent market research regarding readership and circulation information gathered by a publisher but not audited by BPA Worldwide. Such data shall have a factual basis and shall be available to BPA Worldwide on request. Such data may augment, but shall not supersede or negate audited circulation data or that subject to audit. If such data is used in the same promotion and intermingled with audited data, such differences shall be clearly distinguished and discernible.

N8.35

A newspaper may use its own “Publisher’s Own Data” as the basis of comparison with another newspaper’s audited data or data subject to audit. (See N8.30).

N8.36

Unless otherwise noted as “Publisher’s Own Data” or the equivalent thereof, all circulation data and information is presumed to be traceable to and supported by a newspaper’s most recent Circulation Statement or Audit Report, irrespective of whether BPA Worldwide is mentioned by name as the source, or whether the BPA Worldwide logo is displayed.

N8.37

Absent any indication as to “Publisher’s Own Data,” or any source other than BPA Worldwide, any circulation claim that is not supported by a Circulation Statement or Audit Report shall be considered in violation of these rules.

N8.38

At all times, BPA Worldwide authority shall neither be claimed nor implied for any unaudited figures, data or statements.

N8.39

A newspaper may not refer to non-qualified distribution or circulation as qualified circulation, nor may it imply so. If a newspaper wishes to promote the sum of its non-qualified distribution and qualified circulation, such a figure shall be noted as comprising the two, with individual breakouts for the two components. A newspaper may not imply or impute to non-qualified distribution or circulation the same demographic and geographic breakouts as exist in its qualified circulation, unless clearly noted as “Publisher’s Own Data.” Such a claim shall have a factual basis.

N8.40

A member shall not reproduce entire BPA Worldwide Newspaper Circulation Statements or Audit Reports, or simulate the format and/or typeface used in BPA Worldwide Newspaper Circulation Statements or Audit Reports, without permission of the BPA Worldwide President. Electronic distribution, (including faxing, and email, posting to the Web,) of entire BPA Worldwide Circulation Statements or Audit Reports is permissible. Print-on-demand media kits incorporating an entire Circulation Statement or Audit Report are also permissible.

N8.41

A member shall not reproduce correspondence with or literature of the Corporation, or excerpts there-from, unless specific written permission to do so is obtained from the President. This includes correspondence between BPA Worldwide and the parties to a formal complaint.

N8.42

All formal publicity complaints are considered confidential between the parties involved and BPA Worldwide, unless and until such complaints are resolved in a manner that calls for public notice either by BPA Worldwide or the complaine. Members are enjoined not to reproduce any correspondence pertaining to a formal complaint without prior written permission of BPA Worldwide. It is the responsibility of a publisher to ensure that the publisher’s staff does not publicize a complaint beyond the scope allowed by these rules

N8.43

To initiate a complaint, a complainant shall:

A complaint shall only be lodged concerning a promotion distributed within the 12 months preceding the date of the complaint.

Submit to the President a written statement of the facts upon which the complaint is based and the Section of the Bylaws and Rules claimed to have been violated.

N8.43 (continued)

This statement shall be limited to the actual facts and shall include copies of all documents upon which the complainant relies including copies of Circulation Statements or Audit Reports when pertinent.

The complaint shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable-filing fee of \$240.00 to help cover BPA Worldwide's processing costs. No complaint shall be considered or acted upon unless the fee is paid in advance.

An appeal from the President's decision provided for in Section 9.3 of the Bylaws shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$900.00 to cover the additional costs of preparing the file for review by the Publicity Policies Subcommittee of the Board of Directors. No appeal shall be considered or acted upon unless the fee is paid in advance.

N8.44

Upon receipt of a complaint, the President shall deliver or send to the complainee a copy of the complaint and of all the documents upon which the complaint is based.

N8.45

To answer a complaint, the complainee shall submit to the President, within five business days of the receipt of the complaint, a statement of the facts upon which they rely to rebut or to mitigate the complaint. The answering statement shall be limited to the actual facts and shall include copies of all documents upon which the complainee relies, including copies of Circulation Statements or Audit Reports when pertinent.

N8.46

Upon receipt of the answering statement, the President shall deliver or send to the complainee a copy of the complaint and of all the documents upon which the complaint is based.

N8.47

Investigation and action on publicity violation complaints shall be accomplished expeditiously and in accordance with provisions of the Bylaws.

N8.48

Violation of any provision of the Bylaws, or of the Rules pertaining to publicity may be brought to the attention of the entire membership. To cover the cost to BPA Worldwide of processing and administering the complaint and of the printing and distribution of the correction bulletin, a newspaper member found to be in violation of the publicity rules shall reimburse BPA Worldwide for its expenses.

N8.49

In lieu of the correction bulletin, the President may authorize the issuance (at the publisher's expense) of a letter by the publisher containing the substantive comments which would be included in a correction bulletin issued by BPA Worldwide. The text of the letter shall be approved by the President and may not contain any statements deemed promotional. It shall be mailed by BPA Worldwide to the newspaper's entire promotion list, and/or to the recipients of the offending document, and/or to the entire BPA Worldwide membership.

N8.50

Complainants have the option of having BPA reprint a complaine'e's letter of correction and distribute the letter to the complainant's advertiser/agency list. This shall be at the expense of the complainant. The reprint will carry an imprint informing recipients that the notice has been reprinted at the request of the complainant.

N8.51

When violations of a serious nature are found within promotional materials, wide distribution will be assumed unless the publisher can provide to BPA Worldwide, evidence to the contrary. When proper evidence cannot be provided, BPA Worldwide will require distribution of a letter of correction from the publisher to the publisher's entire advertiser and advertising agency sales and promotion list.

N8.52

If a publisher claims a promotion found to be in violation had limited distribution, but evidence later proves wider distribution in fact existed, a letter of correction shall be mailed by the publisher to the newspaper's entire advertiser/agency promotion list. BPA Worldwide may, if instructed by the President, distribute a notice of violation to the BPA Worldwide membership.

N8.53

If an advertisement on behalf of a newspaper is found to be in violation of these rules and warranting public correction, the appropriate remedy shall be a correction in the medium as the original ad, or the newspaper itself. Insertion orders of the corrected advertisement shall be placed within 30 days of the staff decision.

N8.54

If a circulation promotion by a newspaper on the Internet or a World Wide Web site is found to be in violation, the appropriate remedy shall be a correction on the Internet or same Web site for the greater of a period of thirty days or the same time period as the promotion was available.

N8.55

BPA Worldwide shall post all violations of Section N8.0 of these rules on its Web site, bpaww.com, for a period of one month following the deadline for appeal, or resolution by the Publicity Policies Subcommittee or Board of Directors. There shall be no further distribution of a downloaded and printed version of this notice without permission of BPA Worldwide. (See N8.49).

N8.56

Any bulletin regarding publicity violations released by the Corporation may be reprinted by the Corporation at the request of any member who shall be billed the charges incurred for the reprint. Reprints shall have a special imprint at the top of the notice to identify the member distributing it. The imprint shall read as follows:

"This exact copy of an original Notice to Correct the Record which has been sent to the entire BPA Worldwide membership is now being distributed by....".

N8.57

Any member may distribute the reprints described in Section N8.56 subject to the following conditions:

No covering letter or printed material may accompany the Notice to Correct the Record when distributed by a member of the Corporation.

No comment about the Notice shall be made by a member of the Corporation in any letter or literature that may be distributed separately from the Notice.

The reprint may not be distributed by any member after thirty days of the date of its issuance by BPA Worldwide.

N9.0 Obligations of Membership

N9.1

All members shall comply with the Bylaws and Rules of the Corporation.

N9.2

Should it be necessary for the Corporation to take any action, whether internal or by litigation, to enforce any Bylaw or Rule, or to collect any monies due it, the member or former member against whom such action is taken shall be responsible for and shall pay to the Corporation all costs and expenses incurred by the Corporation in connection with such action, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, the cost of auditor's and other staff time spent in connection with the enforcement procedure, postage, printing, supplies, reasonable attorney's fees, whether incurred in an internal enforcement procedure or in litigation in the courts or before an arbitration tribunal, and legal disbursements.

N9.3

Should it be necessary for the Corporation to participate in a legal proceeding as a witness, the member or former member for whom such action is taken shall be responsible for and shall pay to the Corporation all costs and expenses in connection with such action. This includes, by way of illustration and not limitation, the cost of auditor's and other staff time charged at a rate established by the Board of Directors, postage, reproduction, supplies, and reasonable attorney's fees. This is applicable whether incurred to respond to a subpoena, or appear for deposition, litigation in the courts, an arbitration tribunal, or any other legal proceeding.

N9.4 Employment of BPA Worldwide Personnel

Should any member, or vendor to a member providing information for the member's audit, employ BPA personnel within three months of having conducted that member's audit, or internal audit review, the Corporation shall conduct a review of the audit at the cost of the corporation. If such review presents issues requiring a re-audit, one shall be conducted. If the re-audit results in adjustments to the previously audited circulation, the member, or associate member, involved shall pay to the Corporation all costs and expenses (travel and otherwise) in connection with conducting such re-audit.

N10.0 Appeals from Administrative Decisions

N10.1

All appeals from or requests for reconsideration of any decision by the Board of Directors, any committee, administrative officer or staff member shall be in writing. Such appeals shall be submitted to the President no later than fourteen days after such earlier decision was announced.

N10.2

Such appeals shall present new facts and include such information or circumstances which justify reconsideration by the Board of Directors.

N10.3

If the decision was the result of a complaint or request made by a member or members other than the member for or against whom the decision was made, a copy of the appeal or request for reconsideration shall be circulated to the member or members who initiated the complaint or request and to such other members as the President or the Board shall determine may be directly affected by any reversal or modification of the decision. Prior to the consideration and action by the Board of Directors, all such parties shall be given ten business days to respond.

N10.4

The Board of Directors may, on its own initiative or on request from a member, reconsider a decision made by it after giving all parties notice and an opportunity to respond, in writing and, if the Board in its discretion so chooses, in person at a meeting at which the appeal will be considered. Upon such reconsideration the Board may affirm, modify, or reverse its prior decision.

N10.5

Any member in good standing may request the further distribution of censure, probation or expulsion notices by the Corporation subject to the following conditions:

The release of the Notice shall be under the direct control of the Corporation.

Any member who requests further distribution of the Notice shall be billed the charges incurred for the reprinting and distribution of the Notice.

The reprint of the Notices of Censure, Probation, or Expulsion shall have a special imprint at the top of the notice to identify the member distributing it. The imprint shall read as follows:

"This exact copy of an original Notice of Censure, Probation or Expulsion which has been sent to the entire BPA Worldwide membership is now being distributed by..."

No covering letter or printed material may accompany the Notice of Censure, Probation or Expulsion when mailed by the Corporation at the request of a member.

No comment about the Notice shall be made by a member of the Corporation in any letter or literature that may be distributed separately from the Notice, nor shall any employee of such member distribute the Notice independently.

N10.5 (continued)

The member newspaper to which the Notice refers shall be notified in advance by BPA Worldwide of any additional distribution of the Notice.

The request of any member to distribute the reprint of the Notice shall be received in writing by the Corporation within thirty days from the date of its issuance by BPA Worldwide.