MVDC Policy #5

Representing MVDC

This policy is intended to assure the good standing of MVDC in the community at large by requiring all Trustees, Committee Chairs, Committee members or members-at-large to speak or write as a representative of MVDC and its Board only:

1] either when and if directly authorized to speak on the organization's behalf;

2] or repeating clearly and without alteration the position of MVDC as formally articulated.

Any uncertainty on the part of any individual should have that person defer sharing a point of view as MVDC's view until that person has an opportunity to confirm or to revise their understanding of the matter at hand.

Further, any expectation on the part of anyone among those mentioned above that they may be in a forum in which they may be asked to express an opinion which could be construed as representing the view of MVDC, should first obtain the explicit approval of the Board by approaching the Board Chair or other Trustee for such approval to serve as a spokesperson in that named forum. Individuals wishing to represent themselves and not MVDC in any forum and who perceive that their remarks may possibly be assumed by others present to be the position of MVDC must clearly state to the audience that their expressed view is their own and not that of MVDC.

Additionally, written statements, letters-to-editors, press releases, articles, social media postings, or any other matters related to MVDC's Mission, Charter, formal Policies or positions related to current issues within the community should be issued by the Board unless the Board formally wishes to and/or agrees to delegate to a non-Trustee such responsibility for a given, select communication. In the latter instance of delegation by the Board, the proposed communique(s) must, nonetheless, be approved by the Board before its issuance. Individuals who wish to express themselves personally in any written fashion but who perceive that their remarks may possibly be assumed by others reading their communique to be the position of MVDC must clearly state to the audience expected to read it that their expressed view is their own and not that of MVDC.