



NATIONAL MOTORISTS ASSOCIATION

Empowering Drivers Since 1982

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VOLUNTEER ACTIVIST AGREEMENT

As an NMA Activist, you have the responsibility for understanding and articulating the policies and philosophy of the National Motorists Association. Your knowledge, demeanor and communication skills are the first and only impression many people will have of the National Motorists Association.

We have selected specific tasks that we believe a reasonably capable person can perform without excessive financial burdens or commitments of time.

When you start your volunteer activist position with the NMA, you will be provided with an *Activist's Operating Manual* that explains NMA policies and position statements. This manual also contains basic guides related to communication skills and legislative activity.

Checking the following five statements indicates your agreement.

I have read and understand the NMA Code of Professionalism dated November 2, 2016.

I agree that my name, email address, phone number and street address may be listed in the *NMAF Driving Freedoms Magazine* and on the member pages of the NMA website.

I agree for my email address to be placed in two email groups facilitated by the national office: 1) State volunteer email group (if more than one volunteer is present in the state) and 2) on the national activist email list. The emails will be used to facilitate closer communications with other state volunteers and activists nationally.

I agree for my email address to be placed on two other one-way email lists: 1) NMA Alerts (to receive local, state and national alerts on an as needed basis) and 2) the NMA weekly E-Newsletter which is sent electronically every Sunday.

I agree to maintain my status as a supporting (dues paying) member of the NMA during my tenure as a volunteer activist.

Checking the following minimum volunteer job responsibilities indicates your agreement.

I agree to do to the best of my abilities within my personal time constraints the following:

___ **Maintain a working knowledge of NMA activities, policies, and organizational philosophy.**

You will inevitably be called upon to explain an NMA position or activity and the reasoning behind that position or activity. By referring to the guidelines in the Operating Manual and keeping abreast of materials sent to you from the National Office, you should have little difficulty meeting this requirement.

___ **Respond to calls and letters from NMA members in a timely and courteous manner.**

On occasion, you will receive calls or emails from other members. In those instances every effort should be made to be helpful and friendly. One call or email can make the difference between a member for life or a request for a dues refund. For that one person, *you* are the National Motorists Association. Many of these calls will more than likely be for traffic tickets

___ **Collect and forward information relevant to the National Motorists Association National Office.**

Our ability to influence public policy is largely dependent on our ability to gather and process information. Our members, in particular our Activist members, can be our best source of information. Newspaper articles, research reports, and trade journals are often the source of information on important trends, policy changes, and legislation that can or will affect our members. With this information in hand, we can alert members to potential problems and opportunities, develop counter arguments, broadcast favorable items, and directly intercede with information of our own.

___ **Establish and maintain contact with local and/or state elected and non-elected officials.**

An NMA Activist should be familiar with members in his/her state legislature or provincial government. This means knowing who your representatives are and how they can be contacted. Periodically, you will be requested to contact one or more of these officials, usually via letter, in support of NMA positions.

___ **Respond to requests for interviews on NMA issues (This is encouraged but not everyone is comfortable and/or trained to do this)**

On occasion, newspaper, radio and TV reporters will want to speak to a local person to gather a local perspective on a particular issue. In other instances, it is not feasible for a national NMA staff member to handle an interview request. In these situations, NMA Activists will be asked to fulfill the interview request.

Within my time constraints and if I have the opportunity, I also hope to carry out some of the following projects this coming calendar year (not obligatory but encouraged):

___ Writing advocacy letters/emails or making advocacy phone calls to elected and non-elected officials.

___ Lobbying in-person state and local officials and non-elected officials.

___ Testifying before administrative or legislative committees (National Office will assist in preparation of oral and/or written testimony)

___ Writing letters-to-the editor and/ or editorials for local newspapers and websites

___ Preparing, speaking and giving presentations on motorists' rights issues and the NMA before local or statewide groups.

___ Other (write in here):



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As indicated above with my checkmarks, I agree to fulfill the required responsibilities to the best of my ability. Unless this contract is terminated by either of the signatories, it will remain in effect until December 31st of the current year. This agreement is not valid until the NMA President countersigns.

As our state/provincial volunteer activists have learned, your position as an NMA Activist will give your statements added weight and authority. Where before you spoke as an individual, you will now speak as the representative of a national organization. This represents a unique opportunity to make a difference. It is also our belief that from the ranks of Activists will come the future leaders and State/Provincial Chapter Coordinators of the National Motorists Association.

If you are certain that you want to become an NMA Activist, please complete this form and return it completed to National Motorists Association, 402 W. 2nd Street, Waunakee, WI 53597 or email it to NMA@motorists.org or fax it to 888-787-0381.

Signature

Date

Please print name

State/Province represented

Gary Biller, NMA President

Date

Please list your address, telephone number and email address as you would like them to appear in the NMA member magazine, *Driving Freedoms*, and on the members-only page of the Motorists.org website.

Address

City

State/Province

Postal Code

(____) _____
Phone number

Email address