

## Comments from Oliver Yandle regarding the FCC's Proposed Rules on Unsolicited Faxes

The FCC's proposed rules regarding unsolicited faxes are in great need of both clarification and amendment. As the Executive Director of an international professional society, these ill-considered and onerous rules, as presented, would effectively remove one of the non-profit community's most viable communication methods. Among the issues to be reconsidered: removing the "established business relationship" qualification from the fax regulations is absolutely bad for business, forcing associations and other companies to obtain the written consent of their own members, clients and industry partners before transmitting any fax that could be interpreted as commercial in nature; the association community has already raised numerous concerns about the new regulations that remain a subject of speculation, including exactly which transmissions the FCC would interpret as commercial in nature, whether written consent to a national association would extend to chapter or affiliate faxes, and whether a written consent form would expire with membership, for example. I urge the Commission to reconsider these rules, seek greater input from the entire affected community (including not-for-profits), and provide greater clarifications as to how these rules will be enforced. Thank you for your consideration.