

NBS-AERho Anti-Trust Policy Statement

The National Broadcast Society-Alpha Epsilon Rho (NBS-AERho) is a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization whose membership consisting of students and professionals representing more than seventy chapters on college, university, and community college campuses. The goals of NBS-AERho are to encourage and reward scholarship and accomplishment among students of electronic media, to establish meaningful communication between student and professional broadcasters and to foster integrity in the use of the powerful instruments of radio, television, film, cable, internet and the many associated businesses and industries.

NBS-AERho is dedicated to serving the interests of our student and professional members through our several activities, which include gathering and dissemination of relevant data and information in furtherance of our purposes. It is the long-standing policy of NBS-AERho to comply fully with all laws and regulations applicable to our activities, including the federal and state antitrust laws, which are intended to protect competition. The antitrust laws prohibit hard-core anticompetitive practices such as price-fixing, market division, and group boycotts, as well as certain other arrangements and transactions that may possibly harm the competitive process. Although the activities and programs of NBS-AERho and its affiliated chapters generally do not present antitrust issues, we and our members must be informed about the antitrust laws and be sensitive to any possible antitrust issue or question.

In support of the NBS-AERho antitrust compliance policy, the following procedures and principles are applicable to the National Association, the honor society, our affiliated chapters and membership. NBS-AERho meetings are to follow a pre-approved agenda, and meeting minutes will subsequently be prepared and distributed; any antitrust issue or question pertaining to NBS-AERho or our activities should be directed to the Executive Director for review by counsel if necessary; and NBS-AERho chapters are encouraged to adopt antitrust guidelines of their own consistent with this National Association policy statement and local school policy.

Although NBS-AERho serves as a forum for the free and open discussion of diverse opinions, certain topics are inconsistent with our antitrust compliance policy. With respect to membership in NBS-AERho and the related membership requirements of the national organization, individual chapters or the honor society, the respective Bylaw provisions set forth the governing standards and procedures; any actions, understandings, or statements inconsistent with the Bylaws are prohibited. More generally, any actions, understandings, or statements arising in the NBS-AERho context, which appear to be anti-competitive in purpose or potential effect are inconsistent with National Association policy, can be harmful to NBS-AERho, affiliated chapters and our members, and are prohibited. Under the antitrust laws relating to "group boycotts," each individual chapter must make its own, unilateral decisions as to the vendors or other entities with which it will do business, and on what terms. Any actions, understandings, or statements inconsistent with this antitrust principle should be avoided.