



## **A.B.A.T.E. Media Guidelines**

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**The following Media Guidelines are applicable to all State Officers, Chapter Officers and Chapter members.**

- A. Any ABATE member responsible for providing content to any of ABATE's media outlets sent on behalf of ABATE or any of its' Chapters or Officers and any web page publication, shall take reasonable steps to assure that the material published is accurate and does not violate copyright laws.
- B. The author of any submission has an obligation to make reasonable efforts to insure the accuracy of any facts and the Editors' obligation is to review for same, as needed
- C. None of these guidelines should be construed to inhibit the free flow of opinion by, from or for ABATE members, except as normal editorial considerations of taste, space, and appropriateness for publication may dictate, and which discretion should be vested in the Editor of the publication, subject to the authority of the Board of Directors, Executive Board and the State Coordinator.
- D. ABATE requires all members submitting articles for publication with specific factual allegations which might be libelous, to take reasonable steps to insure that the facts alleged are accurate.
  - 1. This policy is not intended to stifle healthy public debate on any issue of importance to motorcyclists, nor of ABATE's members to engage in same, in print or otherwise, particularly as to matters of opinion on public policies.
  - 2. It is intended, however, to encourage responsible fact-checking of any potentially libelous fact intended for publication.

3. Due to our non-profit incorporation, no one is allowed to either promote or demean a political candidate during the electoral process.
- E. The ABATE of Oregon, Inc. newsmagazine and web site are official publications of ABATE of Oregon, Inc. The views expressed by advertisers, member links or correspondents do not necessarily reflect those of ABATE of Oregon, Inc., nor of its officers or members, and no warranty, either expressed or implied, is conveyed by ABATE of Oregon, Inc. regarding advertised products or services.
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  - G. All ABATE of Oregon, Inc. Chapter web sites are encouraged to use the state domain: <https://www.abateoforegon.net>. The State Web Site Editor has final authority for legal reasons.
  - H. Publication of flyers at no cost is limited to MROs. Exceptions are to be made by the Executive Committee and not the editor.
  - I. Material appearing in any ABATE of Oregon, Inc. publication will be published as space and time permits.
    1. ABATE of Oregon, Inc. also reserves the right to edit or refuse all submissions. Submissions must be signed
    2. Newsletter articles, letters, or other materials must be received no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month preceding publication.
  - J. Editor of the publication, subject to the authority of the Board of Directors, Executive Board and the State Coordinator, is the final authority of the publication
  - K. All correspondence should be sent to the following address:  
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