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# District 6 Terms of Use Statement

All audio and video files on the District6AA.org website or the District 6 in Area 15 YouTube channel are for PERSONAL USE ONLY.

Reproduction, distribution and commercial use are NOT PERMITTED.

# District 6 Anonymity - Motion

Motion 676 of December 2023: District 6 website committee shall create and maintain a District 6 in Area 15 YouTube channel to archive and share District 6 audio and video presentations and educational materials.

The following conditions must be met for an audio or video to be published on the YouTube channel or our District6AA.org website:

- a) No faces will be shown in videos and audio will be scrubbed for anonymity prior to posting. The committee originating the recording will review it for anonymity before it is posted and once the recording is posted, *any District 6 member with a concern may ask for a further review* by either the originating committee, the current practices committee, or ultimately appeal to the body.
- b) Anyone whose voice is heard must agree to the recording being posted.
- c) Unless the content of the presentation is produced by District 6 or one of its committees, there will be a non-affiliation disclaimer.

# District 6 Anonymity Statement

In accordance with District 6 current practice, no faces are shown in our videos and audio is scrubbed for anonymity prior to publishing.

Contributors whose voices are heard have given consent to be recorded and published consistent with our terms of use.

# District 6 Disclaimer Statement

Opinions expressed by the presenter are their own and do not necessarily represent the group conscience of District 6 as a whole.

# District 6 Waiver - Motion

Motion 654 of April 2023: Require a waiver from all District 6 speakers who are audio recorded. This waiver may include the traditional “General Speaker Waiver,” completed and signed by the speaker, *or in its stead, an audio recording of the speaker giving verbal consent accompanied by an email from the speaker confirming their record and release consent.* In either case, a physical or digital copy of the consent will be provided to the speaker, the District 6 Archives chair for the Archives file, and the audio recording company if applicable.



# Respect Terms of Use

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## C. A.A. ENTITIES

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# Area 15? Other Districts

- The Area 15 Archives committee has a “Local Waiver Form for Recording A.A. Members” posted on their webpage.
  - The Area 15 Book of Current Practices does not appear to have any restrictions or permissions regarding consent or publishing of recorded speakers.
- All Districts/Areas are welcome to review our District 6 policies as background for your own best practices.
  - But HAVE THE DISCUSSION in your own organization.
  - If you have questions or anything better than ours, please contact [Technology@District6aa.org](mailto:Technology@District6aa.org)