



ACN Representation Charter

Preamble: The ACN Representation Charter outlines core responsibilities for Fellows and Members when representing ACN, in an official capacity. It is designed to provide clarity and maximise opportunities for nurse leadership and influence locally, nationally and internationally. The Charter is underpinned by ACN values and operates in conjunction with ACN policies and procedures.

Fellow and Members representing ACN are required to:

1. Uphold the values of ACN
2. Maintain current ACN membership
3. Maintain an up-to-date profile on ACN's membership information system.
4. Advise of any changes to employment or registration status in a timely manner
5. Upon engagement, make conflicts of interest known to ACN so they can be minimised and managed
6. Attend as agreed with ACN, and notify as soon as possible if unable to attend
7. Take all reasonable steps to be up-to-date on relevant policy information and ACN's policy positions
8. Only speak to policies aligned with ACN's policy position
9. Advise of any matters that may have an impact on ACN's policy position or reputation
10. Represent ACN with dignity and professionalism, respecting professional colleagues and differing positions.
11. Provide advice that is consistent with current ACN policy, evidenced-based or aligned with best practice
12. Advocate for improved health outcomes, and the role of nurses in achieving them
13. Not make media statements without the express approval of ACN
14. Provide a report to ACN within a timely manner in regard to representation
15. Be available for follow up by ACN on any relevant matters pertaining to representation
16. Personal agendas are not to be pursued.

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