



*National Federation of Press Women*

NFPW is an organization of journalists and communicators who come together for professional development, mentoring, youth service and First Amendment protection.

Membership is open to women and men in newspapers, magazines, Internet, radio, television, cable, photography, fiction/nonfiction books, public relations, corporate communications and communications education.

NFPW has one of the nation's most active groups of freelance writers and editors. Its libel insurance program is designed specifically for freelancers and full-time employed journalists who also write on their own.

**I want to help!**

**How Can I Join?**

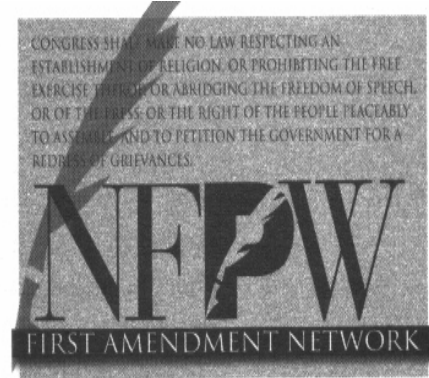
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***For membership information,  
send to:  
NFPW, PO Box 5556,  
Arlington, VA 22205  
or visit [www.nfpw.org](http://www.nfpw.org)  
for details on dues and state  
affiliates.***



**Make the  
First  
Amendment  
Work!**

**NETWORK!**

*Since 1999, NFPW  
members have  
been defending  
the rights of  
communicators  
through the NFPW  
First Amendment  
Network*

**If protecting a free  
and vigorous  
press in America  
is important to  
you...**

**JOIN US!**

## **FAN WORKS!**

At NFPW's 1999 Communications Conference, a group of committed members decided to restore defense of the First Amendment to the top of NFPW's agenda, reasoning that defending the public's right to know is a duty that never ends. They understood that NFPW's communicators could SPEAK UP and educate readers, listeners and politicians when an important right is at stake.

Since then the FAN has encouraged members to SPEAK UP on a wide range of serious concerns.

- \* Opposing an Official Secrets Act in federal law
- \* Supporting Congressional Research Service reports online
- \* Urging politicians to disclose finances on their websites
- \* Fighting to maintain U.S. Senate press gallery access for nondaily reporters
- \* Defending Houston journalist Vanessa Leggett's rights to protect confidential source material
- \* Asking Attorney General John Ashcroft to STOP FBI agents from posing as journalists
- \* Petitioning the Securities and Exchange Commission to require maximum disclosure of insider information by public companies
- \* Helping webpublisher APB News fight for equal access for online journalists to judicial financial disclosures

and MORE!

## **FAN FAQs**

### **How do I sign up?**

Send your email address to [presswomen@aol.com](mailto:presswomen@aol.com) with "subscribe to FAN."

### **What? That's All?**

Yes. That's all.

You'll receive an occasional FAN email about a rising concern.

It will give you the background. It will suggest arguments to make in defending the right to know and the free press. It will tell you where to write.

### **Does this mean hundreds more emails to join the spam in my box?**

No. The average email rate is two communications a month.

### **Am I committed to do something each time I get an alert?**

No. It's up to you to decide whether, when and how you want to act. Only remember: most issues move quickly. Whatever you do, do it now!

### **Should I just ask my affiliate FOI chair to write?**

Your affiliate may wish to write an official letter, but most FAN matters move too quickly for a group letter or statement. FAN is for individual action!

### **Can I quit when I want?**

Any time.

### **And the cost?**

Free to members. \$100 to non-members, but most communicators are eligible to join, so encourage your friends to sign up.