



Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA)

IP Policy Waiver v3.0

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The purpose of the SNIA Intellectual Property (IP) Policy is to protect the Voting Members (“Members”) and the Non-voting Members (“Participants”) of the SNIA as they develop SNIA Architecture and SNIA Software. This policy obligates subscribing SNIA Members and Participants, including all individual representatives of these Members and Participants, to the duty to disclose any patents (Essential Claims) that they hold relative to SNIA Works-in-Progress which may evolve into SNIA Architecture or SNIA Software. It also obligates those parties that participate in the development of SNIA Architecture or SNIA Software to the duty to license their Essential Claims in the Architecture or Software under **Reasonable And Non-Discriminatory (**RAND**)** terms.

Those Participants of the SNIA that do not develop SNIA Architecture or SNIA Software and do not participate in Technical Working Groups (TWGs), Technical Steering Groups (TSGs), or the Technical Council, may choose to abide by the IP Policy Waiver instead of the IP Policy, thereby avoiding being bound by the IP Policy. Voting Members are required to be bound by the IP Policy. By agreeing to this IP Policy Waiver, Participants agree that they will not participate in any TWGs, TSGs, or the Technical Council [specifically this means that they: (1) will not join any of these groups on the SNIA website, (2) will not attend any meetings of any format of these groups, and (3) will not make any contributions that may be incorporated into SNIA Architecture or SNIA Software] without first informing the Secretary and the Executive Director in writing and then agreeing to be bound by the IP Policy.

For these Participants that wish to have the SNIA waive their requirement to be bound by the SNIA IP Policy according to the terms listed above, they may request such waiver by selecting that option in the Membership Agreement when they join the SNIA, or by completing this form and signing below and faxing this page to the SNIA Executive Director at 415-402-0009. It is also acceptable to email a scanned image of this completed and signed page to ip_waiver@snia.org.

NOTE: Failure to abide by all terms of this IP Policy Waiver will result in the Participant being bound to the IP Policy.

(Participant Name) _____ requests to waive the requirement for signing and being bound by the SNIA IP Policy according to the terms identified herein.

Representative Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

Signature _____

The SNIA Secretary or Executive Director, or his/her representative, will contact you to let you know whether or not your request is approved.