

## Frequently Asked Questions: 2009 RVCC Policy Platform

### **What will be in the RVCC 2009 Policy Platform?**

The RVCC 2009 Policy Platform contains the RVCC's legislative, administrative, and Presidential policy priorities for 2009. The platform is made up of a number of issue area "planks" that combined, reflect the breadth of issues we work on.

### **How will the RVCC 2009 Policy Platform developed?**

The 2009 RVCC Policy Platform will begin to be developed during the Annual Policy Meeting (APM) using information from our existing issue papers, the pre-meeting survey results, and ideas generated during APM working sessions. After the APM, working groups will finalize their "planks" of the platform.

### **How will the RVCC 2009 Policy Platform be used in the next year?**

The RVCC 2009 Policy Platform will be an internal and external document. We'll use it to help prioritize our work as a coalition in the coming year, and as a cohesive way of expressing to decision-makers and other organizations what our policy interests are.

### **How is the RVCC 2009 Policy Platform different from an issue paper?**

The RVCC 2009 Policy Platform combines in one place the main policy issues we'll be focusing on in the coming year from each issue area we work on. The Policy Platform will be modified each year to reflect the ever changing policy landscape.

Issue papers focus specifically on one issue area, and are a comprehensive exploration of its challenges and our proposed solutions.

### **Will the RVCC 2009 Policy Platform change? How?**

Yes, the RVCC 2009 Policy Platform will change over time. While the basic tenants of what we believe in and work for will stay the same, each year, we will re-evaluate the specific policy priorities in the platform and modify them as needed.

### **How do I support the RVCC 2009 Policy Platform?**

Everyone who attends the APM or participates in a working group in the months following the APM will have an opportunity to shape the content of the platform. Once it is finalized, everyone in the RVCC network will be given the option of signing on in support of it.

If you decide to sign on, your organization's name will be listed on the document. If you decide not to sign on, you are still welcome to participate in the RVCC and sign on to individual issue papers, rather than the whole platform.