



Board Members Code of Conduct

Board members are expected to comply with a prescribed Code of Conduct that encourages the development of a spirit of collective decision-making, shared objectives and shared ownership of and respect for Board decisions.

The Code of Conduct will be succinct statement of essential principles intended to govern the conduct of the Board. Board members of the Society will conduct themselves in a manner that:

1. Supports the objectives of the Society
2. Serves the overall best interests of the members and the Ends rather than any particular constituency
3. Recognizes that all authority is vested in the Board when it meets in legal session and not in individual Board members. Will ensure that Board members will not exercise individual authority over the Society and/or over individual staff member
4. Recognize that the Board members' job is to ensure that the Society's business and office is well managed, not to manage the Society's business or office.
5. I will not interfere with the duties of the Society Executive Director or undermine the authority of the Executive Director, along with treating all staff employed by the Society with respect and fairness.
6. I will always work to learn more about the Board member role and how to fulfill that role.
7. Brings creditability and good will to the Society
8. Demonstrates respect for individuals recognizing their diversity and life circumstances
9. Respects and gives fair consideration to diverse viewpoints
10. Demonstrates due diligence and dedication in preparation for and attendance at meetings, special events and in all other activities on behalf of the Society
11. Demonstrates good faith, honesty, and transparency when acting on behalf of the Society
12. Ensures that the financial affairs of the Society are conducted in a responsible and public manner with due regard for their fiduciary responsibilities
13. Avoids conflicts of interest
14. Conforms with By-Laws and policies approved by the Board
15. Publicly demonstrates acceptance, respect and support for decisions legitimately taken in transaction of the Society business
16. Ensures that they are not using their positions on the Board, to obtain employment with the Society for themselves, family members or close associates. Should a member desire employment, they must resign from the Board and be absent for a period of one year

Signed _____

Date _____

Witness _____