MODEL GUIDE FOR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERING SOCIETIES

Preamble

Engineers recognize that the practice of engineering has a direct and vital influence on the quality of life for all people. Therefore, engineers should exhibit high standards of competency, honesty and impartiality; be fair and equitable; and accept a personal responsibility for adherence to applicable laws, the protection of the public health, and maintenance of safety in their professional actions and behavior. These principles govern professional conduct in serving the interests of the public, clients, employers, colleagues and the profession.

The Fundamental Principle

The engineer as a professional is dedicated to improving competence, service, fairness and the exercise of well-founded judgment in the practice of engineering for the public, employers and clients with fundamental concern for the public health and safety in the pursuit of this practice.

Canons of Professional Conduct

Engineers offer services in the areas of their competence and experience, affording full disclosure of their qualifications.

Engineers consider the consequences of their work and societal issues pertinent to it and seek to extend public understanding of those relationships.

Engineers are honest, truthful and fair in presenting information and in making public statements reflecting on professional matters and their professional role.

Engineers engage in professional relationships without bias because of race, religion, sex, age, national origin or handicap.

Engineers act in professional matters for each employer or client as faithful agents or trustees, disclosing nothing of a proprietary nature concerning the business affairs or technical processes of any present or former client or employer without specific consent.

Engineers disclose to affected parties known or potential conflicts of interest or other circumstances which might influence—or appear to influence—judgment or impair the fairness or quality of their performance.

Engineers are responsible for enhancing their professional competence throughout their careers and for encouraging similar actions by their colleagues.

Engineers accept responsibility for their actions; seek and acknowledge criticism of their work; offer honest criticism of the work of others; properly credit the contributions of others; and do not accept credit for work not theirs.

Engineers perceiving a consequence of their professional duties to adversely affect the present or future public health and safety shall formally advise their employers or clients and, if warranted, consider further disclosure.

Engineers act in accordance with all applicable laws and the _________________ rules of conduct, and lend support to others who strive to do likewise.

AAES Member Societies are urged to make reference here to the appropriate code of conduct to which their members will be bound.
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