

Section 2: Policies

1: Governance Policies

2.1.2. Board Code of Conduct

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Last review:

Background:

The purpose of a Code of Conduct is to establish clear expectations of Board members. A Code of Conduct is designed to provide guidance and ensure accountability.

Policy:

Members of the Board of the Perth Seniors Fellowship are expected to:

- **Act With Integrity and Honesty:** Board members must conduct themselves with the highest standards of honesty, fairness, and integrity at all times.
- **Ensure Fiduciary Responsibilities Are Met:** Board members must prioritize the organization's interests and those of its members, placing loyalty to the corporation first.
- **Avoid Conflict of Interest:** Board members must avoid situations where personal interests could conflict with their official duties or lead to preferential treatment for themselves or others.
- **Maintain Confidentiality:** Maintaining the confidentiality of information gained through board service is essential, especially regarding sensitive discussions or decisions.

- **Exhibit Professionalism:** Board members are expected to conduct themselves professionally and with appropriate decorum when representing the organization, whether in meetings or other settings.
- **Actively Participate:** Board members are expected to prepare for meetings, attend regularly, and actively participate in Board meetings, committee meetings and fundraising events.
- **Be Respectful:** Board members must interact respectfully with staff, other board members, and the public, fostering a positive and ethical environment.
- **Comply with Laws and Policies:** Board members are required to adhere to relevant legislation, regulations, and the organization's own policies.
- **Avoid the Appearance of Impropriety:** Board members should not only avoid actual misconduct but also any actions that could create the appearance of impropriety.
- **Avoid Inappropriate Use of Authority:** Directors should not attempt to exercise individual authority over staff or parts of the organization; the board should speak with a single voice.

Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct may result in a Board member being asked to leave the Board.