



**Standards of Conduct
Adopted August 11, 1998**

The Standards of Conduct for members of the Ohio Society of Association Executives has been adopted to promote and maintain the highest standards of association service and personal conduct among its members. Adherence to these standards is expected from members of the society, and serves to assure public confidence in the integrity and service of association professionals.

As a member of the Ohio Society of Association Executives, I pledge to:

- Maintain the highest standards of personal conduct and civility.
- Actively promote and encourage the highest level of ethics within the industry or profession I represent.
- Maintain loyalty to my employer and pursue its objectives in ways that are consistent with the public interest.
- Recognize and discharge my responsibility and that of my employer to uphold all laws and regulations relating to my employer's policies and activities.
- Strive for excellence in all aspects of my management efforts.
- Use only legal and ethical means in all activities.
- Serve all members of my association and clients or customers impartially, provide no special privilege to any individual member, client or customer and accept no personal compensation or reward from a member, client or customer except with full disclosure and with the knowledge and prior consent of my employer.
- Maintain the confidentiality of privileged information entrusted or made known to me by virtue of my office.
- Treat all persons with respect and dignity.
- Always communicate internal and external statements in a truthful and accurate manner by assuring that there is integrity in the data and information used.
- Cooperate in every reasonable and proper way with association executives, and work with them in the advancement of the profession of association management.
- Use every opportunity to improve public understanding of the role of associations.

(Reviewed and reaffirmed by the OSAE Board of Directors, October 3, 2008)