

Council Member Conduct

DUTY OF CARE

The duty of care is commonly expressed as the duty of “care that an ordinarily prudent person would exercise in a like position and under similar circumstances.” This means that a Council member owes the duty to exercise reasonable care when he or she makes a decision as a steward of the Council.

DUTY OF LOYALTY

The duty of loyalty is a standard of faithfulness; a Council member must give undivided allegiance when making decisions affecting the Council. This means that a Council member can never use information obtained as a member for personal gain but must act in the best interests of the Council.

DUTY OF OBEDIENCE

The duty of obedience call for Council members to be faithful to the Council’s mission. They are not permitted to act in a way that is inconsistent with the goals of the Council. A basis for this rule lies in the public’s trust that the Council will manage funds to advance the Council’s mission through its work. This duty also requires Council members to obey the law (Federal and/or State) and the Council’s internal rules and regulations.