

The Code of Conduct for Members of Council

1. Members of Council must at all times while acting in that capacity ensure that their activities are directed toward the fulfilment of the Society's Objectives and responsibilities specified in legislation, and the interests of the public.
2. Members of Council must respect the confidentiality of information identified as confidential, acquired by them solely by virtue of their position as such.
3. Members of Council must not make use of information acquired solely by virtue of their position as such for personal gain, whether financial or non-financial.
4. Members of Council must not use their position as such to seek to influence the conduct of any aspect of the Council's business for the benefit of any individual, body corporate or other association rather than for the benefit of the profession as a whole.
5. Members of Council must not use their position as such to promote their personal, professional or business interests
6. Members of Council must ensure, when speaking in their capacity as such at any meetings of the Council, its committees or outside, that they declare any personal or business interests relevant to the matter in hand.
7. Members of Council must avoid any conduct that impairs the ability of the council to perform its functions or to enjoy the confidence of the public, the profession or government.
8. Members of Council should support in public the policies of Council. Where a member of Council feels compelled publicly to oppose a Council policy,

the Council should be informed in advance. The member of Council may then express his or her personal views on the matter but, in so doing, must first explain the Council policy and the reasons for the Council's decision. Members must in any case avoid any action that would undermine confidence in the competence of the Council and its members or in the Council's decision-making process. *

9. Members of Council must ensure that the funds of the Society are properly applied to the furtherance of the Objectives of the Society.
10. Members of Council must ensure that entries relating to them in the Registers of Interests and of Gifts and Hospitality are accurate, complete and up-to-date.
11. Members of Council must ensure that prompt and effective action is taken through appropriate channels to investigate any allegation of maladministration within the Society reported to them
12. Any member of Council who wishes to engage in litigation against the Society, the Council or any member thereof, or any officer or employee of the Society in their capacity as such, must resign from the Council before taking such action.
13. Members of Council must comply with the Society's Equal Opportunities Policy, Equality and Diversity Policy and Statement on Harassment and Bullying.

* Any Council member wishing publicly to oppose a Council policy should state their dissent and their intention to oppose the particular policy at the time the Council decision is made. If a Council Member is not present when the decision is taken, then s/he must state their intention at the next following Council meeting. The statement of dissent will be minuted.

In the event that a Council member is unable to be present at a Council meeting

when a policy issue is being debated and s/he wishes to register their dissent to the decision of the Council, s/he should write to the President as soon as possible following the meeting to register their dissent. This will then be notified to all Council members and formally recorded at the next meeting of the Council. The capacity of a Council member to speak against a Council decision under Article 8 of the Code of Conduct shall not apply until notification of the dissent being registered with the President has been sent to all Council members.