

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY TREASURERS

Code of Professional Ethics and Conduct

I. Purpose

This Code of Professional Ethics and Conduct (hereinafter referred to as the "Code") ensures a uniform adherence to the Association's long-standing integrity related to legal, moral and professional standards of conduct. The principles of this Code express the Association's recognition of its responsibilities to the public, to clients, and to colleagues. This Code was adopted by the membership to provide guidance and rules to ALL members – those in public practice, in industry, in government, and in education – in the performance of their professional responsibilities.

II. Fiduciary Responsibility

A member will exercise prudence and integrity in the management of funds in his/her custody and in all financial transactions for which he/she is responsible and will maintain the safety of monies placed in his/her trust.

III. Confidential Information

A member may not disclose confidential information or use it to further his/her private interests or in any way utilize the information for non-public purposes.

IV. Responsibility as Public Officials and Industry Professionals

A member will conduct himself/herself at all times in a manner which serves the public and industry interest, enhancing the stature of his/her profession. A member will uphold the letter and spirit of the law and report violations of the law to the appropriate authorities.

V. Commitment to Respectful Environment

Members are committed to providing an educational/professional environment where all members are treated with dignity and respect. Harassment based upon race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, religion, marital status, sexual or gender preference, height, weight, disability, or any other protected status will not be tolerated, whether committed by or directed toward any member.

VI. Professional Relationships

A member will maintain the highest ideals of honor, integrity, and objectivity in all professional relationships.

VII. Conflict of Interest

A member will not seek any favor, accept any personal gain, or take any action that provides a financial or other personal benefit to another which would influence, or appear to influence, the objectivity or conduct of the member's official duties.

VIII. Member Misconduct

The Association will not accept or condone unethical conduct under any circumstances. A member found by the Board of Directors to be in violation of any provision of this Code may be expelled from membership of the MACT organization as provided by Article II, Section 8 of the MACT By-Laws. Such action may be determined according to the MACT Code of Conduct Violation Policy.

Membership in the Michigan Association of County Treasurers is voluntary. By accepting membership, each member agrees to be bound, and governed by this Code of Professional Ethics and Conduct.

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