Policy Statement:
All AASL Board of Directors must exhibit professional conduct and honorable behavior in their leadership roles.

The AASL Board of Directors will:
- Prepare for board meetings and participate in open dialogue between the board members, executive director, and invited experts.
- Commit to a decision-making format that addresses all available facts in each situation, taking into consideration the views of fellow members of the board.
- Support the best interest of AASL as a whole at all times, while keeping personal biases or the views of special interests at a minimum.
- Accept, support, and implement all decisions of the board, even those that the member did not initially support or those that were made in their absence.
- Support an environment of decision-making based on a comprehensive analysis of issues. Address and assess both the benefits and risks of all actions to be implemented and evaluate the potential effects of such implementation.
- AASL Board members will not speak or act on behalf of AASL or its board of directors unless authorized to do so by the AASL President.
- Maintain confidentiality on all matters deemed so by the AASL Board of Directors.
- Abide by all AASL policies including the AASL Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct Policies.

Focus:
AASL Board of Directors

Purpose:
To define the expectations of the AASL Board of Directors in maintaining the highest standard of ethical and professional conduct.

Procedure:
1. A copy of this policy shall be given to all AASL Board of Directors upon commencement of such person’s relationship with AASL or at the official adoption or amendment of stated policy
   a. Forms will be signed at the AASL Annual Board of Directors meeting
2. If questions arise, an opportunity for clarification will be arranged by the AASL Board of Directors
3. Each AASL Board member shall sign and date the agreement at the beginning of her/his term of service and each year thereafter. Failure to sign does not nullify the agreement.
4. Signed agreements are maintained at AASL Headquarters.
AASL Board of Directors Rules of Conduct

As a member of the board of directors of the American Association of School Librarians, I agree to support and be bound by the following principles to assure effective and ethical decision-making and governance:

1. I will be deliberate in my responsibility to AASL by preparing for board meetings and decision-making (e.g., studying all materials in advance). I will consider the need for and request any additional information in advance of the meetings.
2. I will base my decisions on all available facts in each situation, taking into consideration the views of my fellow members of the board.
3. I will make decisions in the best interest of AASL as a whole and will strive to keep personal bias or the views of special interest at a minimum.
4. I will accept, support, and implement all decisions of the board, even those that I did not initially support or those that were made in my absence.
5. I will work to provide an environment conducive to comprehensive analysis of issues and assessment of benefits and risks of action or inaction in an open dialogue between members of the board and the executive director.
6. I will not speak or act for AASL or the board unless specifically authorized to do so. I will not present opinions about AASL business unless those opinions have been approved in advance by the board or unless those opinions are clearly expressed as personal opinions and not necessarily the views of AASL.
7. I will not discuss matters deemed confidential by the board outside of board meetings without the express permission by the AASL President.
8. I will abide by AASL’s Conflict of Interest Policy and will strive to avoid even the appearance of such conflicts.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Rules of Conduct for members of the AASL Board of Directors. I understand that it describes the general rules by which I will conduct myself as a member of the board and that I am responsible for familiarizing myself with the statements it contains.

Signature

Print Name

Date