



American Association
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AASL Board of Directors Code 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 Code 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_____