

Code of Ethics

Membership in The OSS Society imposes a responsibility to uphold and further the Society's purposes and objectives and decisions of its Board of Directors. Members at all times should conduct themselves and their professional and business affairs in a manner that reflects credit upon and enhances the reputation of The OSS Society.

The OSS Society's Board of Directors vests the President of The OSS Society with the power to enforce these membership obligations by removing from membership, with concurrence of the Executive Committee [EXCOM], any member who, in the judgment of the EXCOM, gives cause for dismissal. Such causes include, but are not limited, to:

1. Any material misrepresentation of service, employment, or credentials in application for membership, during the duration of membership in The OSS Society.

2. Any act intended to disrupt the existence or unity of The OSS Society.

3. Any act that violates The OSS Society's charter, such as using one's position in the Society to suggest or promote personal, political, policy, religious, or social agendas. To ensure that members' statements are not misconstrued in public fora that are not sponsored by the Association, whether through introductions or biographic profiles, such statements cannot be accompanied by publications, slides, handouts, etc. which have the logo or insignia of The OSS Society. If affiliation with The OSS Society is noted or apparent, any handouts, publications, or slides must bear the caveat: *"The opinions expressed in this (letter, blog, event, speech, newsletter, slide, paper, presentation, discussion, etc.) are those of the individual writer/speaker, and do not reflect the position of, or the endorsement by The OSS Society, its members, officers, or Board of Directors."*

4. Any act that misrepresents The OSS Society's 501(c)3 non-profit, non-political, educational charter, including any act that brings public disrepute or embarrassment upon The OSS Society, or seeks to undermine the purposes or programs of The OSS Society.

5. Any defamation, vilification, or deceitful act, false accusation, calumny, or slander or libel against The OSS Society its officers, or its members.

6. Any misrepresentation or use for purposes other than the stated purposes of The OSS Society of the The OSS Society name, purposes, activities, and membership, including any act, assertion, or implication of, affiliation with, sponsorship of, or approval by The OSS Society not permitted by the Society.

7. Any act in violation of a fiduciary or other trust exercised on behalf of The OSS Society.

8. Any felonious violation of U.S. federal, state, or local laws or any prosecutable or indictable act, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, whether or not related to The OSS Society.

9. Any conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest with The OSS Society's if not resolved immediately and satisfactorily upon notification and concurrence of the President.