

Policy 1-107 Membership Code of Ethics

1.0 Purpose and Applicability

This policy describes the conditions by which individuals may serve as members of TNI or members of a TNI committee. This policy applies to all TNI members.

2.0 Policy

All members of The NELAC Institute shall agree to the following code of ethics:

No member shall:

- a. Authorize the use of, or use for the benefit or advantage of, any person, the name, logos, marks, endorsement, services, or property of TNI, except in conformance with TNI policy.
- b. Publicly use any TNI affiliation in connection with the promotion of partisan politics, religious matters, or positions on any issue not in conformity with TNI's mission or the official position of TNI.
- c. Within the restrictions that may be imposed by government bodies, disclose or use any information that is classified as confidential and/or protected that is available solely as a result of the member's affiliation with TNI to any person not authorized to receive such information, or use to the disadvantage of TNI any such confidential information, without the express authorization of TNI.
- d. Knowingly take any action or make any statement intended to influence the conduct of TNI in such a way as to confer any financial benefit on any person, corporation, or entity in which the individual has a significant interest or affiliation.
- e. Operate or act in any manner that is contrary to the best interests of TNI.

Failure to abide by this Code of Ethics may result in suspension or termination by the TNI Board of Directors of membership in TNI in general, or participation on TNI committees. Any affected individual will be notified in writing of any such suspension or termination.

Note: Policy 1-102 sets from the criteria for ethical behavior for individuals acting on behalf of TNI.

3.0 Implementation of Policy

This membership Code of Ethics will be implemented through the membership application process with a procedure requiring any prospective member to agree to the following statement: "I have read and agree to abide by the TNI Membership Code of Ethics."

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