



Policy TITLE:	Membership Code of Ethics
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I. 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.

II. POLICY

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

No member shall:

1. Use or authorize any TNI symbol, except in conformance with TNI Policy 1-103.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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 forth the criteria for ethical behavior for individuals acting on behalf of TNI.

III. 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."

IV. REFERENCES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

Policy 1-102 Ethical Conduct of TNI Members
Policy 1-103 Use of TNI Symbols
Policy 1-129 Expected Conduct of Participants in TNI Activities
SOP 1-106 Complaint Resolution Process

Policy Approved Changes

Revision No.	Revision Date	Description of Change
0	7-14-10	
0.1	3-10-12	Update format.
0.2	5-18-18	5-year review; added Section IV; editorial changes
0.3	9-1-23	5-year review; Changed related documents to reflect new Policy 129 that replace the old "Guide." Added Policy 1-102 to References; editorial changes in Section II.
0.4	10-13-23	Revised II.1 to be consistent with Policy 1-103. Added Policy 1-103 to Section IV.