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The Association of
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
of Prince Edward Island

By-Laws
and
Code of Ethics

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14. CODE OF ETHICS

14.1 Foreword

Honesty, justice, and courtesy form a moral philosophy which, associated with mutual interest among people, constitute the foundation of ethics. Engineers should recognize such a standard, not in passive observance, but as a set of dynamic principles guiding their conduct and way of life. It is their duty to practise the profession according to this Code of Ethics.

As the keystone of professional conduct is integrity, engineers will discharge their duties with fidelity to the public, their employers, and clients, and with fairness and impartiality to all. It is their duty to interest themselves in public welfare, and to be ready to apply their special knowledge for the benefit of mankind. They should uphold the honor and dignity of the profession and also avoid association with any enterprise of questionable character. In dealings with other fellow engineers they should be fair and tolerant.

14.2 Professional Life

- 14.2.1 Engineers will cooperate in extending the effectiveness of the engineering profession by interchanging information and experience with other engineers and students and by contributing to the work of engineering societies, schools, and the scientific and engineering press.
- 14.2.2 Engineers will not advertise their work or merit in a self-laudatory manner, and will avoid all conduct or practice likely to discredit or do injury to the dignity and honour of the profession.

14.3 Relations with the Public

- 14.3.1 Engineers will endeavour to extend public knowledge of engineering.
- 14.3.2 Engineers will have due regard for the safety of life and health of the public and employees who may be affected by the work for which they are responsible.
- 14.3.3 Engineers will not issue ex parte statements, criticisms, or arguments on matters connected with public policy which are inspired or paid for by private interests, unless it is indicated on whose behalf the statements are made.

14.3.4 Engineers will refrain from expressing publicly opinions on engineering subjects unless they are informed as to the facts relating thereto.

14.4 Relations with Clients and Employers

14.4.1 Engineers will act in professional matters for clients or employers as faithful agents or trustees.

14.4.2 Engineers will act with fairness and justice between the client or employer and the contractor when dealing with contracts.

14.4.3 Engineers will make their status clear to clients or employers before undertaking engagements if they may be called upon to decide on the use of inventions, apparatus, or any other thing in which they may have a financial interest.

14.4.4 Engineers will guard against conditions that are dangerous or threatening to life, limb, or property on work for which they are responsible, or if they are not responsible, will promptly call such conditions to the attention of those who are responsible.

14.4.5 Engineers will present clearly the consequences to be expected from deviations proposed if their engineering judgment is overruled by non-technical authority in cases where they are responsible for the technical adequacy of engineering work.

14.4.6 Engineers will engage, or advise clients or employers to engage, and will cooperate with, other experts and specialists whenever the clients' or employers' interests are best served by such service.

14.4.7 Engineers will not accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one interested party for the same service, or for services pertaining to the same work, without the consent of all interested parties.

14.4.8 Engineers will not accept commissions or allowances, directly or indirectly, from contractors or other parties dealing with clients or employers in connection with work for which they are responsible.