

Virginia Sex Offender Treatment Association (VSOTA)

Professional Code of Ethics – Revised 2.8.2022

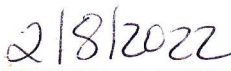
VSOTA has established a Code of Ethics to guide Board Members, Officers and members in carrying out the business of the Association in a transparent, open and respectful manner.

Guiding Principals

1. Each Board Member shall avoid any conflict between his/her personal, professional or business interests and the interests of VSOTA. When there is conflict, the Board Member shall inform the Chairperson in order to avoid assignments that may create the conflict, shall refrain from influencing Board decisions and shall refrain from voting on any Board action that is a conflict.
2. Each Board Member shall maintain competency in the understanding of the field of sex offender services in order to assure that VSOTA remains a leader in promoting evidenced-based sex offender continuing education to the public.
3. Each Board member shall actively contribute to the work of VSOTA through committee assignments.
4. Each Board Member shall only vote on Board business when he/she has a full understanding of the issue including the positive and negative consequences of the Board action.
5. Each Board Member should be a member of his/her own identified profession and be in good standing with their profession including their profession's Code of Ethics.
6. Each Board Member shall keep in mind that his/her actions in their personal, business and professional roles may have a direct effect on the public's perception of VSOTA.
7. Board Members shall not speak or represent the interests of VSOTA unless they are carrying out their duties as an Officer, Committee Chair or are designated by the Chairperson or Board action.
8. Each Board Member shall interact with other Board Members, Members and the public with integrity, respect and civility.
9. Each Board Member shall keep VSOTA membership dues current and shall make a good faith effort to attend required Board and/or Committee meetings.
10. When an allegation of an ethical violation occurs with a Board Member, the Board Chairperson shall refer the confidential allegation to the VSOTA Ethics Committee for consultation.
11. In January of each year, the VSOTA Code of Ethics shall be reviewed by Ethics Committee for content and presented to the VSOTA Board members at the next full Board meeting.

Approval


VSOTA Chairperson


Board Approval Date