

SPWLA CODE OF ETHICS

Society of Petrophysicists and Well Log Analysts (SPWLA) is dedicated to the advancement of the science of petrophysics and formation evaluation, through well logging and other formation evaluation techniques, and to the application of these techniques to the exploitation and development of hydrocarbons and other minerals, or for the alternative subsurface.

From Article V of the Policy and Procedures of Society of Petrophysicists and Well Log Analysts

General Principles

1. Petrophysics is a profession, and the privilege of professional practice requires professional morality and professional responsibility.
2. Honesty, integrity, loyalty, fairness, impartiality, candor, fidelity to trust, and inviolability of confidence are incumbent upon every member as professional obligations.
3. Each member shall be guided by high standards of business ethics, personal honor, and professional conduct. The word "member" as used throughout this code includes all classes of membership.

Relation of Members to the Public

1. Members shall not make false, misleading, or unwarranted statements, representations or claims regarding professional matters, nor shall they engage in false or deceptive advertising.
2. Members shall not permit the publication of technical material for any unsound or illegitimate undertakings.
3. Members shall not give professional opinions, make reports, or give legal testimony without being as thoroughly informed as reasonably required.

Relation of Members to Employers and Clients

1. Members shall disclose to prospective employers or clients the existence of any pertinent competitive or conflicting interests.
2. Members shall not use or divulge any employer's or client's confidential information without their permission and shall avoid conflicts of interest that may arise from information gained during petrophysical studies.

Relation of Members to One Another

1. Members shall not falsely or maliciously attempt to injure the reputation or business of others.
2. Members shall freely recognize the work done by others, avoid plagiarism, and avoid the acceptance of credit due to others.
3. Members shall endeavor to cooperate with others in the profession and shall encourage the ethical dissemination of the science of petrophysical knowledge.

Duty to the Corporation

1. Members of the Corporation shall aid in preventing the election to membership of those who are unqualified or do not meet the standards set forth in this Code of Ethics.
2. By applying for, or continuing membership in, the Corporation each member agrees to uphold the ethical standards set forth in this Code of Ethics.
3. Members shall not use SPWLA membership to imply endorsement, recommendation, or approval by the Corporation of specific projects or proposals.

Discipline for Violations of Standards

1. Any member who, after due investigation, is found guilty of violating any of the standards prescribed in the Amended Articles of Incorporation, Article 5, Section 6 and 7 may be suspended, reprimanded, allowed to resign, or expelled from the Corporation by the Board of Directors.