

Conflict of Interest and Ethics Policies

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The AHA has established a [Conflict of Interest Policy \(opens new window\)](#) that applies to all AHA leaders. Throughout the course of performing duties associated with the ECC leadership role, all ECC leaders must comply with these policies.

The AHA, its affiliates and components, and all officers, directors, delegates, and council and committee members scrupulously shall avoid any conflict between their own respective personal, professional, or business interests and the interests of the AHA in any and all actions taken by them on behalf of the AHA in their respective capacities.

In the event that any officer, director, delegate, council, or committee member of the AHA shall have any direct or indirect interest in, or relationship with, any individual or organization which proposes to enter into any transaction with the AHA, including but not limited to transactions involving

- The sale, purchase, lease, or rental of any property or other asset
- Employment, or rendition of services, personal or otherwise
- The award of any grant, contract, or subcontract
- The investment or deposit of any funds of the AHA

such person shall give notice of such interest or relationship and shall thereafter refrain from discussing or voting on the particular transaction in which he or she has an interest, or otherwise attempting to exert any influence on the AHA or its components to affect a decision to participate or not participate in such a transaction.

Regional Application of the Statement of Conflict of Interest

The expectation is that ECC leaders will conduct themselves with impartiality while performing AHA ECC tasks. When this is not possible, a statement of conflict of interest must be made and recorded into appropriate venue minutes, and there may be a need for the leader to excuse himself or herself from the decision-making process.

Ethics/Code of Conduct

Overview

The AHA has established an [Ethics Policy \(opens new window\)](#) that applies to all AHA leaders, TCs, and instructors. These positions hold a responsibility to exhibit a high standard of conduct.

ECC Leadership Code of Conduct

All persons in AHA ECC leadership are expected to conduct themselves with honesty, integrity, and a commitment to the goals of the AHA and ECC Programs. This code is intended to provide standards of professional conduct.

The scope of the standards implied in this code includes activities directly related to the discharge of ECC leadership functions, such as committee activities and assignments, as well as actions performed with other AHA programs or activities, such as ECC classes and activities related to AHA affiliate programs.
