

## **Board of Directors Rules of Conduct**

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Association Forum, I agree to support and be bound by the following principles to assure effective and ethical decision making and governance:

1. I will be deliberate in my responsibility to the Association Forum by preparing for Board meetings and decision-making (e.g., by studying all materials in advance). I will consider the need for and request any additional information in advance of meetings.
2. I will base my decisions on all available facts in each situation, taking into consideration the views of my fellow Board members.
3. I will make decisions in the best interest of the Association Forum as a whole, and will strive to keep personal bias or the views of special interests at a minimum.
4. I will accept, support and implement all decisions of the Board, even those that I did not initially support or those that were made in my absence.
5. I will work to provide an environment conducive to comprehensive analysis of issues, and assessment of benefits and risks of action or inaction, in an open dialogue between members of the Board and the President and CEO.
6. I will not speak or act for the Association Forum or the Board unless specifically authorized to do so. I will not present opinions about Association Forum business unless those opinions have been approved in advance by the Board or unless those opinions are clearly expressed as personal opinions and not necessarily the views of the Forum.
7. I will not discuss matters deemed confidential by the Board outside of Board meetings without permission of the Board chair or president and CEO.
8. I will abide by the Association Forum's policies on conflicts of interest and will strive to avoid even the appearance of such conflicts.