
Code of Conduct for AARES Directors

Board Code of Conduct
1. A Board member must act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the organisation as a whole.
2. A Board member has a duty to use due care and diligence in fulfilling the functions of office and exercising powers attached to that office.
3. A Board member must use the powers of office for a proper purpose, in the best interest of the organisation as a whole.
4. A Board member must recognise that the primary responsibility is to the organisation as a whole but should, where appropriate, have regard to the interests of all stakeholders in the organisation.
5. A Board member must not make improper use of information acquired as a Board member.
6. A Board member must not take advantage of being in the position of Board member.
7. A Board member must not allow personal interests or the interest of any associated person or group to conflict with the interest of the organisation.
8. A Board member has an obligation to be independent in judgement and actions and to take all reasonable steps to be satisfied as to the soundness of all decisions taken by the Board.
9. Confidential information received as a Board member in the course of exercising those duties remains the property of the organisation from which it was obtained, and it is improper to disclose it or allow it to be disclosed, unless that disclosure has been authorised by that company, or the person from whom the information is provided, or is required by law.
10. A Board member should not engage in conduct likely to bring discredit to the organisation.
11. A Board member has an obligation, at all times, to comply with the spirit, as well as the letter, of the law.

Consent form for AARES Directors (June 2019)

CONSENT TO ACT AS A DIRECTOR

I hereby consent to act as a Director of the Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES). I have read the details below and acknowledge that:

- ❖ I have familiarised myself with:
 - The AARES Constitution
 - The AARES Policy file
 - The Audited Financial Reports
 - The AARES Corporate Governance presentation.
- ❖ I will comply with the AARES Board Code of Conduct.
- ❖ I will undergo required training and compliance procedures.
- ❖ I will undertake to perform the roles and responsibilities assigned to me, expecting that this will involve up to four hours per week on average.
- ❖ This is a voluntary role and no fees are payable.
- ❖ I am over 18 years old and I am legally able to be a Director.
- ❖ I must act honestly and prudently at all times, in the best interest of AARES and its members.
- ❖ I must notify AARES in writing immediately if I resign or change my name or address, to allow them to notify ASIC within 14 days of any change.

I, _____,

confirm that I have completed the above tasks and am aware of my responsibilities and duties as a Director of the Australasian Agricultural & Resource Economics Society Ltd.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Code of Conduct form for AARES Members



The Australasian Agricultural Resource and Economics Society Ltd (AARES) is the pre-eminent society promoting research relevant to Australasia in agricultural, environmental, food, and resource economics and agribusiness. AARES serves the professional interests of members regardless of their race, gender, national or ethnic origin, religion, age, marital status, sexual orientation, and disability.

AARES Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is intended to guide members representing the Australasian Agricultural Resource and Economics Society Ltd (AARES) and speakers invited to AARES events to identify issues of ethical conduct that may arise in their dealings with the Society or attendance at Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia. It is designed to inform members and speakers in their dealings with colleagues in the national and international community. All Society members are urged to be aware of and observe the Society's Code of Conduct.

The Code is written as a set of general principles rather than detailed prescriptions. The Code stands beside but does not exclude or replace the rights and obligations of members under common law.

The Society's policy for members and speakers is that we behave in a manner that fosters collegiality and recognises the diversity of our members and the broader community with a common goal of contributing to unbiased policy and research in agriculture, food, resources and environmental issues. It is essential in such a community that all members recognise and respect not only their own rights and responsibilities but also the rights, responsibilities and authority of other members of the Society and those of the wider community.

The Code of Conduct is based on five Values statements. These five Values statements are:

- The pursuit of excellence in all that we do;
- Fairness, integrity and responsibility in dealing with members of the Society and the wider community;
- The rights and responsibilities associated with the freedom of inquiry and expression;
- Engagement with the local, national, and international communities; and
- Innovation, creativity, and breadth of vision.

As an organisation dedicated to the professional development of its members and the dissemination of knowledge from a variety of relevant areas, AARES is committed to the fair, ethical treatment of all of its members and all other individuals participating in AARES activities or activities connected with, or related to, AARES activities, while providing an atmosphere that promotes a variety of research, teaching and extension/outreach activities.

AARES has zero tolerance for, and prohibits any type of, discrimination or harassment, within the organisation, at professional meetings, in the field, or anywhere professional activities are conducted under the aegis of AARES.

The Code will enable Society members and guests to engage with the intent of these Values statements and to behave in a manner that fosters collegiality and contributes to effective working relationships in our Society.

Guidelines for speakers at Annual AARES Conferences

These Guidelines are intended to help guests of the Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society to identify issues of ethical conduct that may arise in their dealings within the Society or attendance at Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia. The Society will draw these guidelines to the attention of invited speakers as a regular business practice.

The Guidelines are written as a set of general principles rather than detailed prescriptions. This Guide stands beside but do not exclude or replace the rights and obligations of members and invited speakers under common law.

The Society's Code of conduct for speakers and guests is that we behave in a manner that fosters collegiality and recognises the diversity of our members and the broader community with a common goal of contributing to unbiased policy and research in agriculture, food, resources and environmental issues. It is essential in such a community that all members recognise and respect not only their own rights and responsibilities but also the rights, responsibilities and authority of other members of the Society and those of the wider community.

The Guidelines are based on five Values statements. The five Values statements are:

- The pursuit of excellence in all that we do;
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AARES has zero tolerance for, and prohibits any type of, discrimination or harassment, within the organisation, at professional meetings, in the field, or anywhere professional activities are conducted under the aegis of AARES.

The Guidelines will enable speakers to engage with members with the intent of the Values statements and behave in a manner that fosters collegiality and contributes to effective working relationships in our Society.