



Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science (OSAC)

CODE OF RESPONSIBILITY

To ensure the Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science (OSAC) accomplishes its Mission, Aims, and Organizational Priorities, all members shall follow this Code of Responsibility which applies to all members of the Forensic Science Standards Board, Resource Committees, Scientific Area Committees, Subcommittees, and Affiliates.

In accepting a position in the Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science, I am making the following commitments:

- 1. I will treat fellow OSAC Members with integrity, dignity, honesty, respect and fairness, consistently recognizing and giving equal time to dissenting opinions.*
- 2. I understand that each OSAC unit is part of a larger team. I will read and comply with the Charter & Bylaws, Terms of Reference, and Organizational Priorities. The individual units are governed by these documents and function under the direction of the parent SAC and FSSB. These individual units do not function as separate entities.*
- 3. I agree to actively serve in my appointed position and will devote the time necessary to fulfill my responsibilities. I will do my best to attend and be prepared for all OSAC events & assignments in my area of responsibility. I will be knowledgeable of the issues before my unit and engage in clear and accurate communication and exchange of ideas with fellow OSAC members. I will notify my unit/Scientific Area Committee/Forensic Science Standards Board if I am unable to fulfill my duties for more than 45 consecutive days and will step aside from my responsibility if I cannot fulfill my duties for a period of greater than 60 consecutive days.*
- 4. I will promote a free exchange of information about the unit's/OSAC's plans through regularly distributed communications media (e.g., In-Brief, OSAC Newsletter, OSAC Standards Bulletin, OSAC Annual Report or requesting updates to the content on the OSAC website). I will promote mentoring and the recruitment of new members.*
- 5. I will not pursue private interests at the expense of my unit or OSAC and I will recuse myself from any discussion and votes where I have, or can reasonably be perceived to have, a conflict of interest.*

I have read this document, have received and read the documents referred to within the Code of Responsibility, understand the commitments required of me, and will adhere to this Code. I understand that failure to meet any of these commitments may bring into question my willingness and ability to serve in this position and I may be required to relinquish my OSAC position.