

CSSP Policy on Conflicts of Interest

Preamble:

CSSP policies are built on diverse views, and once decided, become the CSSP policy and direction. All public comments of the CSSP Executive Board members are expected to be supportive of these policies and directions. It is in the interest of CSSP, and therefore its policy, that those members in elected or appointed positions within CSSP avoid economic and policy conflicts with the activities and positions of CSSP that were determined by its membership.

Policy:

Economic Conflict: No member of CSSP serving in an elected or appointed position within the CSSP Executive Board may participate in a discussion or decision on any matter in which s/he or a member of their immediate family has a material economic involvement regarding the matter, or in which there is a potential for, or an appearance of, such an economic conflict. Such an economic conflict, potential conflict, or appearance of a conflict, shall be fully disclosed to the Chair and CEO of CSSP, and the member having such conflict shall be disqualified from participating in the matter, and shall be excused from the meeting/s at which the matter is being discussed or voted upon.

Policy Conflict: No member of CSSP serving in an elected or appointed position within the CSSP Executive Board may participate in a decision on any matter in which a society or organization to which the member belongs, or is employed, has publicly taken a position inconsistent with that of CSSP in a policy statement or in its business goals and objectives. Such a policy conflict, potential conflict, or appearance of a conflict, shall be fully disclosed to the Chair and CEO of CSSP, and the member having such conflict shall be disqualified from decisions in the matter, and shall be excused from the meeting/s at which the matter is being discussed or voted upon.

Disclosure of Conflicts: Members of CSSP shall fully disclose economic and policy conflicts of interest, potential conflict or the appearance of such conflicts to the Chair and CEO of CSSP before running for an elected position or accepting an appointed position within CSSP. If such conflict, potential conflict, or appearance of conflict arises after election or appointment, the member shall immediately disclose it to the Chair and CEO of CSSP. If the member fails fully to disclose the conflict, potential conflict, or appearance of conflict, a member, with knowledge of such conflict, shall report the information to the Chair and CEO of CSSP. If the Chair or CEO is the individual with the conflict, the member shall report it to the CSSP Legal Advisor who will bring it to the attention of the Executive Board to determine if the conflict, potential conflict, or appearance of conflict necessitates disqualification.

Annual Statements:

Every member serving in an elected or appointed position within the CSSP Executive Board shall annually receive and review a copy of this statement and agree to comply with it.

Members serving in an elected or appointed position within the CSSP Executive Board shall conduct themselves in such a manner so as not to intentionally cause harm to CSSP.

