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- 3. Refuse, move, or remove any content that is available on all or any part of our Site.
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- 5. Establish general practices and limits concerning use of our Site.

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When you create an account, you will provide a unique username and email. We will also ask you to create a password. Because any activities that occur under your username or password are your responsibility it is important for you to keep your username and/or password secure. You may not assign or otherwise transfer your account to any other person or entity. You acknowledge that ASEM is not responsible for third party access to your account that results from theft or misappropriation of your account. Notify us immediately if you believe that someone has used your username, email, or password without your authorization.

Furthermore, the registering party hereby acknowledges, understands, and agrees to:

- a) furnish factual, correct, current, and complete information with regards to yourself as may be requested by the data registration process, and
- b) maintain and promptly update your registration and profile information in an effort to maintain accuracy and completeness at all times.

If anyone knowingly provides any information of a false, untrue, inaccurate or incomplete nature, American Society for Engineering Management (ASEM) will have sufficient grounds and rights to suspend or terminate the member in violation of this aspect of the Agreement, and as such refuse any and all current or future use of American Society for Engineering Management (ASEM) Services, or any portion thereof.

#### SECTION 3 - CODE OF ETHICS

## **Fundamental Principles**

The American Society for Engineering Management (ASEM) requires its members to conduct themselves in an ethical manner by:

 Being honest and fair in serving the stakeholders in the Society including members, other organizations, clients, and the public

- Striving to increase the competence and prestige of the engineering management profession
- Using their knowledge and skill for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare

## **Fundamental Canons**

Members of ASEM are required to observe the following canons:

- 1. Hold paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public
- 2. Undertake assignments in the profession of engineering management only when qualified by education or experience
- 3. Maintain professional competence, strive to advance the engineering management body of knowledge, and provide opportunities for the professional development of fellow educators and practitioners in the profession
- 4. Act in a professional manner towards colleagues, ASEM staff, customers and clients of ASEM, and the public
- 5. Give proper credit for the work of others and accept and give honest and fair professional criticism
- 6. Abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, and policies of ASEM
- 7. Disclose to the ASEM Executive Committee any alleged violation by a member of this Code of Ethics in a prompt, complete, and truthful manner

## **ASEM Code of Conduct for Meetings**

Statement on the Code of Conduct: It is the agreed policy of the American Society for Engineering Management (ASEM) that all participants at ASEM conferences, events and meetings shall be part of an environment that is free from all forms of harassment (including sexual harassment) and retaliation. ASEM meetings are focused on promoting the field of engineering management through positive engagement and discussions. ASEM is committed to providing a safe, productive and inclusive environment for meetings that is welcoming to all participants and staff members. All participants, including attendees, speakers, volunteers, exhibitors, staff members and others are expected to abide by this Code of Conduct. This document should be considered alongside the ASEM Code of Ethics.

Authorship: All authors who submit a presentation to ASEM conferences, events and meetings must have intentions of registering, attending, and presenting at the meeting once the submission is accepted into the program.

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## Expected behavior:

- Communicate openly with respect and consideration for others, valuing a diversity of views and opinions.
- Behave in a manner that is considerate, respectful, and collaborative with others.
- Avoid personal attacks directed toward other meeting participants.
- Alert meeting organizers if you notice a dangerous situation or someone in distress.
- Respect the rules and procedures of the meeting venue.
- Contribute positively to discussions and exchanges held at meetings.

# Unacceptable behavior:

- Harassment, intimidation, or discrimination in any form.
- Physical, written, or verbal abuse of any attendee, speaker, volunteer, exhibitor, staff member, service provider or another meeting participant.
- Disruption of presentations, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome attention.
   Participants asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately.
- Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to, verbal comments related to gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, religion, national origin, inappropriate use of nudity and/or sexual images in public spaces or in presentations, threatening or stalking any meeting participant.

# Reporting an incident:

- Any individual covered by this Code of Conduct who believes that a violation has taken place should report the incident to the ASEM Operations Director at asem-hq@asem.org.
- All complaints will be treated seriously and investigated promptly. Confidentiality will be honored to the extent permitted as long as the rights of others are not compromised.
- When the investigation is complete, a summary of the findings and applicable actions will be communicated to the complainant and the accused.
- ASEM will not tolerate any form of retaliation against individuals who file a complaint or
  assist in the investigation. Retaliation is a serious violation of this Code of Conduct and will
  be subject to disciplinary action.

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- b) by way of requests from law enforcement or any other governmental agencies.
- c) the discontinuance, alteration and/or material modification to our Services, or any part thereof.
- d) unexpected technical or security issues and/or problems.
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- f) any engagement by you in any fraudulent or illegal activities; and/or
- g) the nonpayment of any associated fees that may be owed by you in connection with your https://asem.org account Services.

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- d) STATEMENTS OR CONDUCT OF ANY SUCH THIRD PARTY ON OUR SERVICE.
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