

## **New Hampshire Orchid Society Code of Ethics Policy**

It is a pleasure and a privilege to be a member of the New Hampshire Orchid Society. The mission of the society is to promote all aspects of the culture of orchids, with members and the general public. Toward that goal, it is the policy of the New Hampshire Orchid Society Inc. that its members and Board members uphold the highest standards of ethical and professional behavior. To that end, members and Board members shall dedicate themselves to carrying out the mission of this organization and shall:

- Hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public in the performance of our duties.
- Act in such a manner as to uphold and enhance personal and professional honor, integrity and the dignity of the New Hampshire Orchid Society.
- Treat with respect and considerations all persons, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, maternity, marital or family status, disability, age or national origin.
- Engage in carrying our New Hampshire Orchid Society's mission in a professional and courteous manner.
- Collaborate with and support other professionals, volunteers and members in carrying our New Hampshire Orchid Society's mission.
- Build professional and community reputations on the merit of services and refrain from competing unfairly with others.
- Recognize that the chief function of the New Hampshire Orchid Society at all times is to serve the best interests of the public and the local orchid community.
- Accept as a personal duty the responsibility to keep up to date on emerging issues and to conduct themselves with professional competence, fairness, impartiality, efficiency and effectiveness.
- Respect the structure and responsibilities of the Board of Directors, provide them with facts and advice as a basis for their making policy decisions and uphold and implement policies adopted by them.

- Keep the local orchid community informed about issues affecting them.
- Conduct organizational and operational duties with positive leadership exemplified by open communication, creativity, dedication, compassion and fairness.
- Exercise whatever discretionary authority they have under the law to carry out the mission of the society.
- Serve with respect, concern, courtesy, and responsiveness in carrying out the society's mission.
- Demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity, truthfulness, honesty and fortitude in all activities in order to inspire confidence and trust in all activities.
- Avoid any interest or activity that is in conflict with the conduct of their official duties.
- Respect and protect privileged information to which they have access to in the course of their official duties.
- Strive for personal and professional excellence and encourage the professional development of others.