

# **Renewable Northwest Project Code of Ethics for Board Members<sup>1</sup>**

Members of the Board of Directors of Renewable Northwest Project (RNP) are committed to observing and promoting the highest standards of ethical conduct in the performance of their responsibilities. Board members pledge to accept this code as a minimum guideline for ethical conduct and decision-making and shall:

## **Accountability**

1. Faithfully abide by the Articles of Incorporation, by-laws and policies of RNP.
2. Exercise reasonable care, good faith and due diligence in organizational affairs.
3. Fully disclose, at the earliest opportunity, information that may result in a perceived or actual conflict of interest as required by the Conflict of Interest Policy.
4. Fully disclose, at the earliest opportunity, information of fact that would have significance in board decision-making.
5. Remain accountable for prudent fiscal management to association members, the board, and nonprofit sector, and where applicable, to government and funding bodies.

## **Professional Excellence**

6. Maintain a professional level of courtesy, respect, and objectivity in all activities.
7. Strive to uphold those practices and assist other members of the board in upholding the highest standards of conduct.

## **Personal Gain**

8. Exercise the powers invested for the good of all members of RNP rather than for his or her personal benefit, or that of the organization they represent.

## **Equal Opportunity**

9. Agree to and follow RNP's Non-Discrimination Policy.

## **Confidential Information**

10. Respect the confidentiality of sensitive information known due to board service.

## **Collaboration and Cooperation**

11. Respect the diversity of opinions as expressed or acted upon by the board, committees, and formally register dissent as appropriate.
12. Promote collaboration, cooperation, and partnership.

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<sup>1</sup> This policy based upon a sample policy provided by the National Council of Nonprofit Associations, 2004.