

19th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature

Code of Conduct Statement

To the TSHL Secretary, and copy to the Director, of _____ Area Agency on Aging, Submitted by a prospective member of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature (TSHL): I, _____, as a candidate for election or appointment to the TSHL do hereby make the following statement:

I, as a Texas Silver-Haired Legislator, dedicate myself to carrying out the mission of TSHL, and do hereby obligate myself to the highest standards of dignified behavior, precluding any conduct which embarrasses, offends or abuses others, especially in committee hearings, business meetings, during TSHL sessions, at public forums, or any other occasion where I represent TSHL.

Further, I pledge to do the following:

1. Recognize that, at all times, the chief function of the TSHL is to serve the best interests of older Texans and to be their non-partisan advocate to the Texas Legislature.
2. Understand TSHL is non-partisan, and I will not use my status as a TSHL member in any partisan activities.
3. Accept as a personal duty the responsibility to keep up to date on emerging issues and to stay informed as a resource person to my constituents.
4. Uphold the Bylaws and Procedures as adopted by the TSHL membership and to consciously work for the "good of the order."
5. Respect the structure and responsibilities of the Executive Committee and provide them with facts and advice as a basis for their making policy decisions.
6. Conduct TSHL operational duties with positive leadership as exemplified by open communication and a willingness to listen and to speak in moderation as diverse opinions are being expressed.
7. Observe professional standards both in form and content for all public communications, including email, never demeaning others.
8. Demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity, truthfulness, and courtesy in all TSHL activities so as to inspire the public's confidence and trust.
9. Avoid any interest or activity that is in conflict with the conduct of my official duties.
10. Respect and protect privileged information to which I have access in the course of my official duties.
11. Encourage the professional development of all TSHL members.

Signature

Name (Printed)

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF _____

Before me, Director of a Texas Area Agency on Aging Office, or a notary public, on this day personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document, and being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements contained herein are true and correct.

Given under my hand and official capacity this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Notary Public or AAA Director

My commission expires _____

Original: Local AAA, Copy to Pat Gleason-Wynn, Chair, E & C Committee, tshlpatgleason@gmail.com

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