apl board code of ethics

**As a member of the APL Board, I will...**

• listen carefully to my teammates, and those served by APL.

• respect the opinion of other board members.

• respect and support the majority decisions of the board.

• recognize that all authority is vested in the board when it meets in legal session and not with individual board members.

• keep well-informed of developments that are relevant to issues that may come before the board.

• participate actively in board meetings and actions.

• call to the attention of the board any issues that I believe will have an adverse effect on APL or its customers.

• attempt to interpret the needs of customers to APL and interpret the action of APL to its customers.

• refer customer or staff complaints to the proper level on the chain of command.

• recognize that the board member's job is to ensure that APL is well managed, not to manage APL.

• vote to hire the best possible person to manage APL.

• represent all constituents of APL and not a particular geographic area or special interest groups.

• consider myself a "trustee" of APL and do my best to ensure that APL is well maintained, financially secure, growing and always operating in the best interests of constituents.

• always work to learn more about the board member's job and how to do it better.

• declare any conflict of interests between my personal life and my position on the APL board, and avoid voting on issues that appear to be a conflict of interest.

**As a member of the APL Board I will not...**

• be critical, in or outside of the board meeting, of other board members or their opinions.

• use APL or any part of APL for my personal advantage or the personal advantage of my friends or relatives.

• discuss the confidential proceedings of the board outside the board meeting.

• promise prior to a meeting how I will vote on any issue in the meeting.

• interfere with duties of the executive or undermine the executive's authority.