

# Midwest Chapter of SETAC

## Meeting Policies and Code of Conduct

### Audio, Photo, and Video Policy

#### Recording, Photographing, Interviewing Are Not Allowed

No attendee at a Midwest Chapter of SETAC annual meeting may record, film, tape, photograph, interview, or use any such media during any presentation, poster display, or exhibit without the express, advance approval of the Midwest SETAC President. This policy applies to all Midwest SETAC members, nonmembers, guests, and exhibitors as well as members of the print, online, or broadcast media.

### Photo Release

Photographs will be taken at the Midwest SETAC Annual Chapter Meeting. By registering for this meeting, you agree to allow Midwest SETAC to use your photo in any Midwest SETAC-related publication or website.

### Code of Conduct

Midwest Chapter of SETAC is committed to ethical professional conduct and chapter meetings serve as open forums for environmental professionals to present the findings of their scientific research. The opinions and ideas expressed are those of the individual, not of the Society.

By encouraging open discussion and exchange of ideas, Midwest Chapter of SETAC meetings help bring the scientific weight-of-evidence to bear in answering environmental toxicology and chemistry questions. Only through support by data and peer-reviewed publications do scientific findings stand the test of time. Ultimately, these findings are accepted or rejected by an individual's peers, not by an organization like Midwest SETAC.

Presenters at all Midwest SETAC meetings are expected to be civil and to be professional in their words and actions. When you submit an abstract to Midwest SETAC, you agree to meet these expectations. Midwest SETAC reserves the right to suspend the privileges of presenting at Midwest SETAC meetings if such presenters are deemed to be in violation of the code of conduct rules.

Each member and all persons participating in Midwest SETAC meetings and activities are bound by this Code of Ethics and should:

- Conduct themselves responsibly, objectively, lawfully, and in a non-discriminatory manner.
- Ensure that presentations during Society-sponsored events and other communications are restricted to, and based on scientific principles and made in a respectful manner.
- Respect the rights, interests, and contributions of professional colleagues.
- Respect intellectual property and provide appropriate attribution for all intellectual property arising elsewhere.
- Declare and avoid conflicts of interest.
- Not knowingly make false or misleading statement(s), or engage in activities that could be viewed as defamatory about a professional colleague or an organization.
- Recognize and respect confidentiality while being honest and forthcoming in all issues of public record.
- Objectively and clearly communicate scientific methods, understanding, and knowledge in a professional manner
- Conduct research and related activities so as to avoid or minimize adverse environmental effects of that research, and ensure compliance with legal requirements for protection of researchers, human subjects, and research organisms and systems.