1.1 Scope

The statements of business principles contained within the Code of Ethics for ANSI/AWEA Wind Standards Committee, or related subordinate group, (collectively, WSC) members (hereafter referred to just as “Members”) have been prepared to guide the conduct of WSC activities to comply with the highest ethical and legal standards. It is essential that all Members conform to these principles in performing their duties and carrying out their activities on behalf of the committees. These principles are not intended to supply specific guidance for every business activity, but rather to provide guidelines for the continuing policies of the corporation on ethical business behavior, which must be observed by all Members throughout the world. Where the Code of Ethics is specific, it should be followed to the letter. If certain situations are not expressly covered, Members are expected to consider the spirit of this Code of Ethics in determining the most appropriate course of action. AWEA takes violations of the WSC Code of Ethics very seriously. Violations of this Code may result in an immediate termination of Membership.

1.2 Responsibility

1.2.1 Members shall act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interest of the Standards Development Process. Although it is recognized that legitimate differences of opinion can exist on individual issues, Members should support and promote the defined broad objectives of the WSC.

1.2.2 The WSC should encourage and facilitate the full and open dissemination of all information necessary to enable full and fair consideration of all points of view.

1.2.3 In all discussion, debate, and deliberation within the Standards Development Process, Members shall confine their comments to the merits of the scientific, technical, and procedural issues under review. Although Members may zealously advocate their views or positions, they shall refrain from debate and discussion that is disrespectful, threatening, or otherwise unprofessional in tone or which is unduly personalized or damaging to other Members and the overall process of achieving consensus.

1.2.4 Members shall take appropriate steps to ensure that any public statements, either written or oral, which are not official statements of AWEA, are properly portrayed as the opinion or position of that individual WSC member. Members must take care to ensure that their statements do not mislead the public.

1.2.5 Members have a continuing obligation to provide AWEA with timely, accurate and complete information concerning their qualifications, organization affiliations and interest classification.

1.2.6 Members must not solicit or accept gifts, hospitality, or transfers of economic benefit, other than unsolicited gifts or other benefits of nominal value, i.e., USD $100.00 or less, from persons, groups, or organizations having dealings with their WSC or under any
circumstances in which the benefit would be or could appear to be bestowed or accepted for the purposes of influencing the member’s activities within the Standards Development Process.

1.2.7 Members shall treat all persons with respect and fairness and should not offer or appear to offer preferential treatment to any person or group.

1.2.8 Members shall refrain from disseminating false or misleading information or from withholding information necessary to a full, fair, and complete consideration of the issues before their WSC.

1.2.9 Members shall not harass, threaten or coerce other members in an effort to persuade or sway votes. This does not preclude lobbying of other Members for support or opposition to issues, proposals, etc.

1.2.10 Members shall comply with AWEA’s Patent Policy as specified in the Standard Development Procedures.

1.2.11 Members shall respect AWEA’s copyright and the copyright of other individuals and organizations.

1.3 Members and the Law

1.3.1 Members should comply fully with all laws and regulations that govern its operations in the various communities, states and countries in which it operates, and to conduct its affairs in keeping with the highest moral, legal, and ethical standards.

1.4 Use of Corporate Name or Influence

1.4.1 Members shall not use the name or influence of AWEA for personal purposes.

1.5 Reporting Potential Violations

1.5.1 Reporting - Members may report issues concerning violations to the Code of Ethics to the appropriate WSC Chair. The WSC Chair will review the issue and will take appropriate action if necessary.