

**Note: the proposal is to add the following as an addendum to the WSWS Operating Guide (not the constitution).**

### **Statement of Ethics for the Western Society of Weed Science**

Members of the Western Society of Weed Science (WSWS) acknowledge an obligation to uphold the highest standards of scientific and professional conduct that are integral to the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge related to weeds and their management. Members of the WSWS shall also engage in WSWS business with the highest standards of honor and integrity.

The Society endorses the following standards of professional ethics as guiding principles.

Members shall:

1. Uphold the highest standards of scientific investigation.
2. Honor the accomplishments of others and properly credit the work and ideas of others.
3. Avoid conflicts of interest.
4. Strive to demonstrate social responsibility in scientific and professional practice.
5. Provide honest and impartial advice.
6. Strive to instill and promote fundamental ethical standards in outreach and educational efforts.

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