



Code of Ethics

For more than 75 years, the Association of Medical Illustrators (AMI) has been bringing together biomedical visual communicators through career growth opportunities, professional development, and credibility, by providing a diverse community of like-minded creative experts, educational engagement resources and opportunities, support for certification, and space for exchange of information and ideas.

AMI members are dedicated, passionate professionals who volunteer time and energy toward their personal growth and advancement of the industry through association membership. By joining the AMI, individuals make a commitment to maintain the values of the AMI through each and every interaction with fellow members and industry professionals.

Acceptance of membership in any category in the Association of Medical Illustrators and/or the act of volunteering for the AMI confers upon the member/person an obligation:

- To conduct oneself in a manner that will be a credit to the Association;
- To respect the rights and abilities of medical illustrators whether or not they are members of the Association; and
- To use every honorable means to uphold the dignity and honor of the profession and to exalt its standards and extend its sphere of influence.

As an AMI member, individuals agree to adhere to the values within the Code of Ethics and actively work to model and promote these values in the profession. To do so, an AMI member agrees to:

1. Respect and uphold laws related to copyright infringement, plagiarism, and piracy;
2. Be honest and forthright in conducting business;
3. Maintain professional integrity and show respect for fellow illustrators;
4. Respect confidentiality and the sensitive information of peers;
5. Demonstrate transparency and fairness when creating original works by using proper citations, seeking appropriate permissions, and refraining from copying or redrawing preexisting work;
6. Foster an ethical culture through one's work and collaborations; and
7. Take responsibility for one's conduct.

Interpretation of the Code of Ethics shall be a function of the Ethics Committee [a subcommittee of the Membership Committee] of the AMI. Violation of ethical principles as stated in this Code or any acts of dishonesty or corruption are to be reported to the [Ethics Chair](#). The committee, after thorough investigation and deliberation, shall report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Governors which shall make a determination as to the appropriate discipline, if any, as detailed in the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 5, Discipline.