



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF NAVAL ARCHITECTURE
RESOLUTION NO. 04
Series of 2017

PRESCRIPTION AND ADOPTION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF NAVAL ARCHITECTURE

WHEREAS, Republic Act (R. A.) No. 10698, otherwise known as the Naval Architecture Law, was enacted on November 13, 2015;

WHEREAS, Section 7 (f), Article II of R. A. 10698 mandates the Professional Regulatory Board of Naval Architecture (Board) to prescribe and adopt a Code of Ethics and Professional Standards for the practice of Naval Architecture;

WHEREAS, the Board, in consultation with the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SONAME) and other stakeholders, has finalized the draft of the Code of Ethics and Professional Standards for endorsement to the Commission;

WHEREAS, any violation of the provisions of the Code of Ethics for the Practice of Naval Architecture shall be meted with the corresponding penalty/ies as prescribed under Section 35 of R. A. No. 10698, to wit: "*Penal Clause*. — In addition to the administrative sanctions imposed under this Act, any person who violates any of the provisions of this Act and its rules and regulations shall, upon conviction, be penalized with a fine of not less than fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) but not more than one million pesos (P1,000,000.00) or imprisonment for a period of not less than six (6) months nor more than three (3) years, or both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court".

NOW THEREFORE, the Board hereby **RESOLVES**, as it is so **RESOLVED**, to prescribe and adopt the **Code of Ethics and Professional Standards for the Practice of Naval Architecture**. A copy of which is hereto attached and made as an integral part of this Resolution as "**Annex A**";

This Resolution as well as its Annex shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation in the country.

Let copies hereof be furnished the UP Law Center and SONAME for information and dissemination.

Done this 30th day of August, 2017 in the City of Manila.



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**CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR
NAVAL ARCHITECTS**

Introduction

It is the professional and legal duty of every Naval Architect to understand and accept their moral and ethical obligations as defined in this Code of Ethics and Professional Standards. A Naval Architect should apply the Code diligently, and as such, shall not enter into contract or arrangement of any nature whatsoever with other persons which will or may involve a breach of this Code.

1. Honesty and Integrity

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- 1.1 A Naval Architect shall, at all times, conduct himself/herself with honesty, impartiality and integrity.
 - 1.2 A Naval Architect shall not offer, give or receive any inducement (financial or otherwise) for the purpose of improperly influencing the award of a contract or professional engagement in his/her favor or on behalf of another.
 - 1.3 A Naval Architect shall not receive remuneration from another party for work already undertaken for another unless agreed upon by all parties concerned.
 - 1.4 In advertising one's qualifications or services or in publishing reports or research works, a Naval Architect shall be factual and shall avoid misleading statements.
 - 1.5 A Naval Architect shall not maliciously or recklessly injure another's professional reputation, prospects or business.
 - 1.6 A Naval Architect who is convicted of any criminal offense related to his/her professional activities shall immediately notify the Professional Regulatory Board of Naval Architecture.
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2. Risk/Liability Assessment and Management

- 2.1 In the course of his/her professional work, a Naval Architect shall carefully assess possible hazards, and shall undertake counter-measures in order to minimize risks, particularly to the public and the environment.

2.2 A Naval Architect undertaking a professional assignment should assess his/her potential liability for the accuracy and consequences of the work and shall, where appropriate, secure professional indemnity insurance.

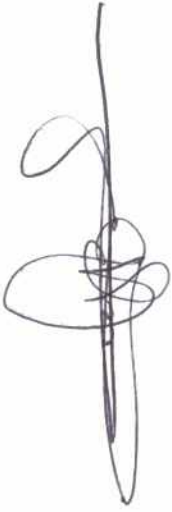
3. Occupational Health and Safety

3.1 A Naval Architect shall, at all times and in all respects, take reasonable care to prevent danger of death, injury or illness to any person or damage to property, in the course of carrying out his/her work or as a consequence of such performance.

4. Protection of the Environment

4.1 A Naval Architect shall, in the performance of his/her professional duties, take reasonable precautions to protect and safeguard the environment from pollution and other environmental hazards.


5. Professional Competency



5.1 A Naval Architect shall take all reasonable steps to maintain and develop his/her professional competence in relation to new developments relevant to his/her field of professional activity. To this end, a Naval Architect should be familiar with relevant codes of practice and guidelines which may be issued by the Professional Regulatory Board for Naval Architects and/or by other government agencies, especially those concerned with occupational health, safety and the protection of the environment.

5.2 A Naval Architect should maintain a record of his/her Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities which shall be made readily available for inspection by the Board.

5.3 A Naval Architect shall only undertake work for which he/she has sufficient competence, time and authority to perform.



5.4 A Naval Architect shall be aware of the limitations of his/her competence and authority in undertaking a certain professional work, and which fact, he/she shall immediately disclose to his/her client. He/she should only proceed when the client gives his/her conformity on the basis of such disclosure.

6. Supervisory Responsibilities

6.1 A Naval Architect shall exercise proper supervision over all work done under his/her authority and shall, as such, be professionally responsible therefor.

6.2 A Naval Architect shall treat those under his/her supervision and all other people with respect, fairness, honesty and courtesy.

6.3 A Naval Architect shall help and encourage those under his/her supervision to maintain and develop their professional competence through appropriate education, training and experience as well as participation in appropriate learning activities.

7. Supporting the Profession

7.1 A Naval Architect shall engage or participate in CPD programs by attending or serving as resource person/trainer in seminars, workshops, post graduate programs, specialty training, self-directed and/or lifelong learning programs. Whenever possible, he/she shall also contribute to the work of engineering societies, higher educational institutions and the scientific or maritime press.

7.2 A Naval Architect shall promote harmony and cooperation among his/her colleagues and with other professionals.




8. Confidentiality

8.1 A Naval Architect shall be bound by the rules on confidentiality and privileged communication in his/her professional practice.

9. Conflicts of Interest

9.1 A Naval Architect shall take all reasonable care when accepting and undertaking a professional assignment to avoid any real, or potential conflict of interest between him/her and his/her associates or client.



9.2 Should a Naval Architect become aware of a possible conflict of interest, he/she shall immediately disclose that fact to the client in writing (or other recordable form) and shall only continue working when the client so requests.

10. Upholding the Code of Ethics and Professional Standards

10.1 Should a Naval Architect be concerned about a material and unmanaged risk, danger, malpractice or wrongdoing which adversely affects others, he/she has an ethical, professional and legal responsibility to raise that concern, either within the workplace or with the appropriate authorities. Such responsibility prevails over his/her responsibility to his/her employer. In such instances, the Naval Architect may seek the advice and guidance of the Professional Regulatory Board of Naval Architecture under the Professional Regulation Commission.