



Pacific Northwest Political Science Association

Ethics statement

The Pacific Northwest Political Science Association (PNWPSA) holds its members and participants in its annual conference to an official standard of ethics in their actions and interactions at and following the annual conference. Members and attendees are expected to engage one another professionally. It is important in a profession that thrives on the free exchange of ideas and criticism to maintain space for critique and feedback. At the same time, the tone and substance of this feedback should be respectful and professional. Continued post-conference communication should maintain this tone, and be limited to direct participants and not extended to individuals such as a scholar's colleague or department chair without consent. Individuals who believe they have been treated in a manner inconsistent with this statement of ethics should inform a member of the PNWPSA executive council.

Upon receipt of a complaint, the executive council will gather information from all parties directly involved and make a determination about whether a violation had occurred and what, if any, consequences should follow. Potential consequences may include an official letter of censure from the association, suspension from attending future meetings for one or more years, or permanent expulsion from the association.