

## **Executive Committee members Code of Conduct**

The Executive Committee is according to Article 8.1 of the Constitution of the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP), the managing and administrative body of the IAP. The powers and duties of the Executive Committee are set out in Article 8.2 of the IAP Constitution.

The main responsibilities of a member of the Executive Committee are; to provide leadership and direction to the IAP and to govern the affairs of the IAP on behalf of its members. In representing the members of the IAP and acting as their “trustee” an Executive Committee member has four basic duties:

- ***A duty of diligence:*** to act with responsibility and integrity and in good faith.
- ***A duty of loyalty:*** to act in the best interests of the association and its membership disregarding any personal interests.

The executive committee operates as a single entity and members must support the decisions of the committee, even if they might not agree with the decision and might have voted against the decision. An Executive Committee member should not speak negatively about the IAP in public

- ***A duty of confidentiality:*** members have an obligation to keep committee business private, and should not discuss IAP matters to which confidentiality attaches outside the committee.
- ***A duty of compliance:*** to act within the scope of the governing constitution and policies of the IAP and any rules, regulations and protocols that apply to the IAP. Committee members must also ensure that any staff within their authority and any other bodies or working groups etc within the IAP do so as well.

Before joining the Executive Committee, prospective members should consider their reasons for becoming a member. Aspiring members must ensure that they are able to devote sufficient time, interest and commitment to the role in order to be able to assure the membership that they can make a valid contribution to the IAP and should also ensure that they familiarise themselves with the mission, objects and activities etc of the IAP.

Each member of the IAP Executive Committee acts as a liaison point for their particular geographic region. Their corresponding duties will vary according to the level of membership and the demands of each particular region.

Upon joining the IAP Executive Committee, members are expected to:

- Regularly attend and actively participate in Executive Committee meetings of which the second yearly meeting is held in conjunction with the annual conference;
- Make a serious commitment to participate in committee work;
- Prepare for and actively contribute to committee discussions and deliberations.
- Provide any required reports to the committee in written form and in English as the working language;
- Foster positive working relationship with other committee members and staff – building a collegiate working relationship that contributes to consensus;
- Attend the Annual IAP conferences and General Meetings;
- Attend relevant Regional IAP conferences, and events.
- Represent the IAP at other relevant conferences/meetings in their respective regions or elsewhere if requested or authorised by the President or Secretary General or General Counsel-ensuring that any material delivered at such events is approved by the IAP.