

Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society

Code of Ethical Behavior

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society (GCOS) adheres to a standard of ethical behavior as set out in this policy.

GCOS members and directors will:

1. practice environmentally appropriate methods of collecting, cultivating, reproducing and preserving orchids
2. uphold the scientific, educational, financial and governance integrity of the organization
3. act in the best interests of the organization
4. avoid conflicts of interest, or if a conflict occurs, disclose it immediately
5. provide responsible stewardship of the organization's assets
6. honor agreements with donors regarding the use of funds donated to the organization
7. provide transparency in governance
8. comply with applicable laws and regulations
9. provide an environment that welcomes people of all backgrounds
10. treat other members and the public with respect and courtesy

Adopted by the Board on April 7, 2009