

AAPS CODE OF ETHICS

- Strive to stay informed of and comply with National, State, and Local regulations pertaining to collecting activities and general business practice.
- Obtain permission from land owners or governmental authorities to gain access to collecting sites.
- Assure that all lands, properties, flora, and fauna are left without damage to property or ecology as a result of collecting activities.
- Require that fossil materials received from outside collectors are obtained in compliance with the above collecting guidelines set forth by the Association.
- Report to proper local authorities any significant discoveries of scientific or public interest.
- Strive to place specimens of unique scientific interest into responsible hands for study, research, and preservation.
- Make no misrepresentation as to identity, locality, age, formation, repairs, or restoration of paleontological specimens.
- Conform to professional business practices when obtaining and disposing of specimens.
- Maintain a good credit standing among fellow suppliers of earth science materials.
- Encourage good relations and cooperation with agencies, institutions, and organizations actively involved in Paleontological pursuits.

Explanation of Membership Types

Business Member: Owner of a business that is paleontologically related such as a fossil dealer, commercial paleontologist, preparator, artist, or replica maker. Voting Member, current dues are \$50.00 annually.

General Member: Co-owner or employee of a business, fossil enthusiast or any professional or non-professional interested in the field of paleontology. Voting Member, Current dues \$35.00 annually.

Associate Member: Any academic paleontologist or full time paleontological student. Non-voting Member, no annual dues. Must provide copy of collage ID

Honorary Member: Retired business member, or any individual nominated by the board and voted on by the membership. Voting Member, no annual dues.