



## RESOLUTION

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### **RESOLUTION FOR A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE BBG BOARD April 11, 2014**

WHEREAS, the faith and trust of the American people in the integrity of government institutions is critical to the proper functioning of the Federal Government;

WHEREAS, the Broadcasting Board of Governors believes that a culture of ethical behavior is a necessary foundational element to a reputation for honesty, objectivity, and impartiality;

WHEREAS, the Broadcasting Board of Governors has determined that a culture of ethical behavior is of strategic importance to conducting international broadcasting in accordance with the highest professional standards of broadcast journalism; and

WHEREAS, the Broadcasting Board of Governors recognizes that both the strict observation of and adherence to Federal standards of conduct and timely submission of complete and accurate financial disclosure reports are essential to the effective maintenance of a culture of ethical behavior and the preservation of the peoples' trust in their public servants.

#### **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:**

Members shall fully comply with all applicable Federal standards of conduct established by Executive Orders 12674 and 12731, their implementing regulations at 5 C.F.R. Part 2635, and interpretive guidance issued by the Office of Government Ethics;

Members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors shall fully comply with all applicable financial disclosure requirements contained in the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, its implementing regulations at 5 C.F.R. Part 2634, and interpretive guidance issued by the Office of Government Ethics;

Members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors will submit required financial disclosure prior to the expiration of deadlines established by regulation or the Agency's Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO) (or designee). If unable to meet an established deadline, Members will submit a written request for an extension of time to the DAEO (or designee) prior to the expiration of their filing deadline. Members will also promptly respond to all requests by the DAEO (or designee) for additional information needed to finalize the review of their submitted financial disclosure forms;

The Agency's DAEO shall promptly inform the Board of any Member's non-compliance with applicable Federal standards of conduct (including, without limitation, financial disclosure requirements, special government employee status, non-disclosure of confidential information, conflict of interest, decorum, ethics training, etc.), failure to attend two or more scheduled Board meetings in a calendar year, or failure to respond to requests for information in a timely manner;

Upon receipt and evaluation of such information from the Agency's DAEO, the Chair shall address a letter to such Governor directing such Governor to bring himself or herself within a specified time-frame into compliance with the relevant standard of conduct, failing which the Chair shall provide written notice of such continuing non-compliance to the White House Office of Presidential Personnel, Office of Presidential Appointments. [In the event that the Chair is the Member whose non-compliance is at issue, then the DAEO shall inform all of the Members of the Board and the White House Office of Presidential Personnel, Office of Presidential Appointments simultaneously.]

Members shall ensure they receive at least one hour of in-person training annually from the DAEO (or designee) regarding their ethical obligations under the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch, and shall consult with the DAEO (or designee) for ethics guidance as needed to ensure they avoid actual or perceived infractions of those standards.