

## GSMOL MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

### Preamble

Golden State Manufactured-home Owners League, Inc. (GSMOL) is a statewide organization, formed in 1962 with the mission of promoting the general welfare of homeowners in manufactured housing communities (mobilehome parks) on a variety of issues at the local, regional, state and national levels.

### Directives

All GSMOL Directors, Officers, Zone Representatives, Regional Representatives, Chapter officers, members, members at large, and any other GSMOL representatives **shall:**

1. Pursue the mission of GSMOL, as established in GSMOL bylaws Article I, Section 1.04.
2. Use their best efforts to uphold GSMOL bylaws, Policy Resolutions and the legal and ethical direction from its Board of Directors.
3. Promote a spirit of democracy in allowing the will of the majority of members to provide direction, when possible.
4. Promote a positive image and attitude of manufactured home ownership. We are all AMBASSADORS for those in manufactured housing and can help dispel negative stereotypes with our words, behavior and attire.
5. Exercise restraint from making negative or demeaning comments about other organizations, whether they represent homeowners or park owner associations. Behave in a business-like manner and keep emotions controlled, even when your position is challenged. You must be especially cautious if your comments could be viewed as coming from GSMOL, per se. Your comments might be construed so as to expose GSMOL to legal liability.
6. Use great discretion in circulating information across the Internet. Identify destination of all E-mails and verify the accuracy of your statements. If a GSMOL member or leader is found to be making false or defamatory comments in a "Public" manner without first submitting the message to his/her immediate superior, those actions should be reported to the Board of Directors for appropriate action, which could include sanctions at the discretion of the Board of Directors and in accordance with Bylaw section 2.12.
7. Familiarize themselves with pertinent state laws and local ordinances, when appropriate.
8. NOT divulge confidential information discussed at closed Board of Directors meetings.
9. NOT knowingly make false, incorrect or misleading statements when acting on behalf of GSMOL.
10. NOT discriminate against another GSMOL leader or member based upon race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or political views.
11. NOT accept compensation nor have a meaningful financial interest in any investor-owned community or management company.
12. No part of this Code of Conduct should be construed to deny the right of any member to express his/her viewpoint in a dignified and constructive manner.

**(Adopted by delegates to the 2008 State convention –Advisory Resolution #E-2008)**