

THE PROPOSAL PROFESSIONAL ETHICS FOR LICENSED SURVEYORS

- The paper presenting the proposed principles of ethics which constitute a basis for surveyor's behavior.
- The principles should serve the whole Israeli surveying community, including the private and the public sectors.
- These proposal professional ethics based on the ethics model developing by Allerd Ken for FIG in 1988.

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INTRODUCTION: THE SURVEYING PROFESSION IN ISRAEL

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- A national center for Mapping, Geodesy, Cadastre and Geo-information.
- The SOI is the governmental agency responsible for the national infrastructure in these areas, actively managing and maintaining the national geodetic infrastructure, the national GIS, responsible for national mapping, topographical and cadastral.
- The SOI is the top professional authority in the country, setting standards, initiating legislation, licensing surveyors, research and development.

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INTRODUCTION: THE SURVEYING PROFESSION IN ISRAEL

- The surveying sector in Israel, counts some 1300 licensed surveyors.
- There are some 900 active licensed surveyors.
- About 500 run private businesses, about 60 are employed by Survey of Israel (SOI) and government offices and others are employed by survey firms.
- About 50% are members in the Israeli Association of Licensed Surveyors.

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THE PROPOSAL PROFESSIONAL ETHICS: THE SURVEYOR'S DUTY AND OBLIGATION

- High professional level and ability based on academic education, practical training, cumulative experience and continued professional development.
- Behavior, at all times, characterized by objectively and honesty.
- A commitment to the public in general, in addition to the commitment to the client and to the colleagues within the profession.

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INTRODUCTION: ETHICS TODAY

- Up to the present no license has been revoked for unethical behavior and nor surveyor has been expelled from the Israeli Association of Licensed Surveyors.
- There is a enforcement of the survey regulations by the SOI.
- There are no government surveyors available for avoid ethical problem.

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THE PROPOSAL PROFESSIONAL ETHICS: 8 GROUPS OF RULES

1. Surveying profession setting aside by licensed surveyors
2. The prestige of the survey profession and the surveyor
3. The fees of the surveyors for professional services
4. Highest standards of honesty and integrity

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THE PROPOSAL PROFESSIONAL ETHICS: THE SURVEYOR'S DUTY AND OBLIGATION

- Every surveyor will identify the proposed ethics principles at all times and abide by them.
- Any licensed surveyor is required to conduct his professional practice in a manner that will inspire the respect of clients to the profession.
- The surveyor will support professional work is performed only by qualified persons.
- A surveyor promotes the surveying profession to clients and to the public.

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1. Surveying profession setting aside by licensed surveyors

A surveyor upholds and advances the setting aside surveying profession to ensure professional work is being performed only by qualified persons.

- • A surveyor shall not seal or sign maps, surveying documents ... except where the surveyor or the surveyor's firm has prepared, supervised or professionally reviewed them.
- • A surveyor assumes responsibility for all work carried out by their professional and non-professional staff and support professional work is performed only by qualified persons.

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THE PROPOSAL PROFESSIONAL ETHICS: 8 GROUPS OF RULES

5. Surveyor - Client Relationships
6. Surveyor - Public Relationships
7. Surveyor - Employees Relationships
8. Surveyor - Colleagues Relationships

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2. The prestige of the survey profession

- • The surveyor shall cooperate with other surveyors to ensure the continued promotion of the high standards of the surveying profession.
- A surveyor agree, whenever possible, to encourage and contribute to the sharing of knowledge and information between surveyors and other professional disciplines ...

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2. The prestige of the survey profession

A surveyor advances the dignity the competence and the prestige of the survey profession.

- A surveyor apply the knowledge, skill and judgment which is ordinarily applied by surveyors currently practicing.
- • A surveyor shall limit professional practice to areas of his specialization.
- • A surveyor shall seek to continually upgrade their professional knowledge ... regarding new developments with respect to the survey profession.

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3. The fees of the surveyors for professional services

- A surveyor shall not accept compensation for services from more than one party on a project unless the circumstances are fully disclosed to and agreed to by all interested parties.
- A surveyor shall not accept any form of undisclosed compensation from person or firm with whom the surveyor deals in connection with the project.

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3. The fees of the surveyors for professional services

The surveyor will set the fee for services performed, considering the technical complexity, level of responsibility and liability for the services rendered.

- Surveyor's contracts with a client shall clearly set ... the services to be performed ... and the method of compensation for those services.
- • The fees of the surveyors for professional services, shall be justified and reasonable.

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5. Surveyor - Client Relationships

A surveyor performs professional services by professionally, objectively, honestly, devotionally and efficiently.

- A surveyor shall conduct business in a manner which will assure the client of the surveyor independence from outside influences and interest which would compromise the ability to render a fair and professionally service.
- • A surveyor shall avoid actions situations where the surveyor's personal interests conflict or appear to conflict with professional obligations to the public, the client and to other surveyors.

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4. Highest standards of honesty and integrity

A surveyor shall identify the principles Ethics at all times and abide by them.

- • A surveyor must make his work based on independent professional judgment and uncompromised evaluation, being honest ... and serving with fidelity the public, their employers and clients.
- A surveyor having a personal association or interest which relates to a project shall fully disclose the nature of the association or interest to the surveyor clients or employers.

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6. Surveyor - Public Relationships

- A surveyor shall build his professional reputation on merit and honesty of his services.
- • A surveyor firm's representations must accurately reflect current principals and staff capacities.
- A surveyor shall accurately represent to the public, a prospective or existing client or employer the surveyor's qualifications and the scope of the surveyor's responsibility in connection with work.

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5. Surveyor - Client Relationships

- A surveyor shall promptly inform their employers or clients of any business association, interests, or circumstances which could influence their judgment or the quality of their services.
- A surveyor who decided not to accept a matter offered will inform the client and justify his decision.
- • A surveyor shall not divulge any confidential information about the client or the client's project.
- A surveyor shall not utilize any information about the client or the client's project, without the express permission of the client.

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8. Surveyor - Colleagues Relationships

A surveyor shall pledge himself to the duty of maintaining fairness and integrity in all dealings with other surveyors and other persons.

A surveyor shall conduct the surveyor's affairs in a professional manner and refrain from any act which would reflect unfavorably on the profession as a whole.

- A surveyor's conduct towards other surveyors shall be characterized by courtesy and good faith.

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7. Surveyor - Employees Relationships

A surveyor shall provide opportunities for the professional development of those surveyors under their supervision.

- A surveyor shall assist his employees to achieve their optimum levels of technical and professional advancement.
- A surveyor shall ensure that his employees have proper working conditions ...
- A surveyor shall cultivate in his employees integrity and an understanding of the professional obligations of surveyors to public.

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8. Surveyor - Colleagues Relationships

- A surveyor may only accept a commission for a project when the services of any surveyor previously retained for the project have been terminated.
- A surveyor shall only take credit for work that has actually been created by that surveyor or the surveyor's firm, and under the surveyor's supervision.
- A surveyor leaving an employer's service shall not take maps, data, reports, client lists ... except with permission of the employer.

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8. Surveyor - Colleagues Relationships

- A surveyor shall not falsely or maliciously injure the professional reputation of another surveyor.
 - A surveyor may, when requested and it does not cause a conflict of interest; render a second opinion to a client.
 - A surveyor shall not interfere with the performance of another surveyor's contractual or professional relationship with a client.
- A surveyor agree to foster a fair and competitive survey market, and never knowingly solicit a fellow member's client.

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The poster features a night view of Eilat, Israel, with a large red structure in the foreground. It includes the FIG logo and text: 'Eilat 2009', 'FIG Working Week', 'Surveyors Key Role in Accelerated Development', 'New Horizons Across the Red Sea', and 'Eilat, Israel - May 3-8, 2009'.

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SUMMARY

- These proposal professional ethics could be the basis for developing surveying professional ethics for any country.
- It is the individual responsibility of every surveyor to uphold this professional ethics.
- Any licensed surveyor is required to conduct his professional practice in a manner that will inspire the respect of clients to the profession

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