

Policy and Procedure Concerning Potential Conflicts of Interest

The Greater Kansas City Psychological Association is committed to the identification and resolution of potential conflicts of interest in the planning, promotion, delivery, and evaluation of continuing education. Consistent with concepts outlined in the APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct, potential conflicts of interest occur when an individual assumes a professional role in the planning, promotion, delivery, or evaluation of continuing education where personal, professional, legal, financial, or other interests could reasonably be expected to impair his or her objectivity, competence, or effectiveness.

Potential Conflicts of Interest in the Planning of Continuing Education

The Program Planning Committee Co-Chair is responsible to identify, declare, and resolve any potential conflict of interest The Greater Kansas City Psychological Association may have in offering any specific program of continuing education. In the event of a potential conflict of interest, the Program Planning Committee Co-Chair will assume responsibility to resolve the potential conflict by assessing the nature of the conflict, determining whether or not the conflict is avoidable, and determine whether or not the conflict is detrimental to the integrity of the program or organization. If it is found detrimental, the program will be altered or replaced accordingly. If it is not found to be detrimental, the Program Planning Committee Co-Chair and/or the President-Elect will ensure the nature of the conflict of interest is fully disclosed in the advertisement and presentation of the program.

The Greater Kansas City Psychological Association requires that professionals participating in the planning of continuing education identify any potential conflict of interest they may have in the review, selection, development, delivery, or evaluation of that program and disclose the conflict or recuse themselves from any decision-making concerning that program. In the event of a potential conflict of interest, the Program Planning Committee Co-Chair and/or President-Elect will ensure that the individual recuses himself or herself from the planning process.

Potential Conflicts of Interest in the Promotion of Continuing Education

When preparing promotional material for continuing education, The Greater Kansas City Psychological Association includes information concerning any financial support, including in-kind support, provided by another party. The Greater Kansas City Psychological Association also informs potential participants of any potential conflicts of

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interest an instructor may have. If there is no financial support or any potential conflict of interest or commercial support, The Greater Kansas City Psychological Association will ensure that is clearly stated in the promotional materials. If information about financial support or any potential conflict of interest is not included in the promotional materials prepared for continuing education, The Greater Kansas City Psychological Association will clearly indicate how a potential participant can secure that information.

Potential Conflicts of Interest in the Delivery of Continuing Education

The Greater Kansas City Psychological Association requires that there is a process to clearly describe any financial support for a continuing education program at the time the continuing education program begins. Any other relationship that could be reasonably construed as a conflict of interest will also be disclosed. If there is no financial support or potential conflict of interest, The Greater Kansas City Psychological Association will ensure there is a process (e.g., a designated individual or a slide at the start of the presentation, documentation in materials) to clearly state any potential conflicts at the time the continuing education program begins.