

351—1.4(68B) Board code of ethics.

1.4(1) Making monetary and in-kind contributions to the committees of candidates for Iowa public office is prohibited. However, contributions to candidates for federal office are permitted since the board has no jurisdiction over federal candidates.

1.4(2) Serving as an officer or member of a candidate's committee of a candidate for Iowa public office is prohibited, whether the service is volunteer or paid.

1.4(3) Making monetary or in-kind contributions to a political committee (PAC) is prohibited. However, contributions to a state party or a county central committee are permitted.

1.4(4) Running for or holding elected public office is prohibited. Running for or serving as an officer or member of any committee defined under Iowa Code chapter 68A is prohibited.

1.4(5) Public personal endorsement of a candidate or publicly taking a position in support of or opposition to a ballot issue is prohibited. This subrule does not prohibit a member of the board or staff from making a public personal endorsement of a federal candidate or a federal ballot issue since the board has no jurisdiction over federal candidates or federal ballot issues. Members and staff of the board may attend and participate in a presidential caucus.

1.4(6) Serving as a delegate to a county or state political party convention is prohibited.

1.4(7) Except due to service on the board, members of the board shall not be public officials or public employees.

1.4(8) Except due to service on the board, members of the board shall not be registered lobbyists in the state of Iowa.

1.4(9) As the board is defined as a "regulatory agency" under Iowa Code section 68B.2(23), members and staff of the board shall comply with the requirements of Iowa Code Supplement section 68B.4 as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2593, section 2, and rule 351—6.11(68B) prior to selling or leasing goods or services to individuals, associations, or corporations subject to the board's regulatory authority.

1.4(10) Members and staff of the board shall comply with all of the requirements in Iowa Code chapters 68A and 68B, Iowa Code section 8.7, and rules adopted by the board.

1.4(11) The prohibitions in this rule shall not apply to the spouse or other family members of a board member or employee of the board. However, actions by a spouse or other family member may create a potential conflict of interest on the part of the board member or employee that may necessitate recusal from a matter pursuant to Iowa Code section 68B.2A.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 68B.2A and section 68B.32 as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2512, section 1.