

California Sexual Assault Investigators' Association

Guidelines for Membership

Membership Allowed:

- **Sworn Peace Officers:** All active and retired California sworn peace officers as described in Chapter 4.5 of the California Penal Code entitled "Peace Officer," beginning with Section 830. Federal and out-of-state investigators are eligible if qualified by analogy to the California Penal Code definition or the equivalent Code of the jurisdiction.
- **Related Disciplines:** Professionals not included in the Sworn Peace Officer Members category, who are actively engaged in rendering judicial, prosecutorial, medical, nursing, psychiatric, psychological, social service, criminalistic, investigative, or legal support to the prosecution of sexual assault cases, or who provide referral services to persons who are survivors of sexual assault, and their families are eligible for membership.
- **Others:** The Board of Directors may grant membership if it requires a further definition of the above terms and to those who work in disciplines not described. The Board of Directors may deny membership if the above criteria are not met or there is a conflict of interest to the purpose of CSAIA. The decision by a simple majority of the CSAIA Board of Directors will be final.

Membership is not transferable. Annual membership dues are due on the anniversary of membership approval.

Conduct Guidelines:

- No member of CSAIA shall publicly express an opinion or make any political endorsement representing or on behalf of CSAIA without the sanction of the Board of Directors. Members shall disclose all potential conflicts of interest with CSAIA if a change in their profession would disqualify them as a member.

Expectations of anyone attending a CSAIA event:

- Treat all participants, presenters, and venue staff with kindness and respect.
- Value diversity of views and opinions.
- Critique the idea rather than the individual.
- Refrain from directing demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behavior or speech to others.
- Refrain from disruptive or disrespectful conduct during presentations.

The CSAIA Board of Directors will consider all reasonable complaints. Dishonoring the Guidelines for Membership may result in exclusion from the event and possible membership termination. The decision by a simple majority of the CSAIA Board of Directors will be final.