

# Code of Ethics: Ipro 331

## Global Warming: Study and Community Outreach

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## **The Law**

### Canon

*Because many of our presentations will be given to students (minors) there are legal obligations we must meet as to the kind of information that can be presented and the manner in which it should be presented. Our team must ensure that we comply with any relevant legal requirements.*

### Challenge

*As college students not involved in the educational field, we have limited knowledge of what is legally required of us if we are to present information at schools.*

*If we do not appreciate the relevance of certain requirements, we may be inclined to ignore them.*

### Risks

*Not complying with relevant legal requirements, whether intentionally or unintentionally, could result in our being banned from presenting, which would preclude us from accomplishing the IPRO's main objective: public education. Failure to comply with the law could also make us and the school vulnerable to lawsuits.*

### Response

*We have applied for approval from the IIT IRB so that we can conduct audience surveys before and after our presentations. We will contact the teachers and administrators of the schools we wish to present at and request notification of any documentation required by the school district or the school itself.*

## **Contracts and Agreements**

### Canon

*Though our IPRO has not proposed to employ outside entities, we still enter into agreements with schools and other organizations to present to their members at a specific time, place, and date. We must do everything within our power to honor these agreements.*

### Challenges

*Each of us have different schedules, so coordinating our availability with times when various organizations are willing to meet may be difficult. Also, we may individually not be able to make a presentation to which we committed, for one reason or another.*

*As individual team members, we each do work to support the objectives of the IPRO i.e. producing deliverables, purchasing materials and supplies, and enhancing our presentations. We make formal and informal agreements to do work for the IPRO, but it's difficult to always honor these.*

### Risks

*If we do not consistently keep our agreements with the schools and other organizations we may not be invited other places to present to them.*

*The support work that we each individually do is vital to the success of the IPRO. If we don't each do our work as team members, the project as a whole will be weaker.*

#### Response

*We maintain a master schedule for presentations, including who is scheduled to present and when. This is accessible on iGroups. We also maintain, on iGroups, a list of availability for each team member so that if one person cannot make a presentation, we have a way to get someone else to fill in.*

*Accurate meeting minutes are kept and we review at the end of each meeting what items require attention. Team members maintain a personal commitment to fulfilling their own obligations.*

### **Professional Code of Ethics**

#### Canon

*The scientific topics which we discuss are related to a host of political agenda's and campaigns. Our endeavor is to present just scientific facts related to Global Warming in an objective manner, politics aside.*

#### Challenge

*It may be tempting to relate this information to bill's up for vote or the environmental stand of political candidates. We may also want to tell people how to do things in their everyday lives that will benefit the environment.*

#### Response

*As we practice these presentations, we give honest feedback about the quality of the presentations, the content, the relevance to prospective audiences, and the manner in which we present. We are quick to point out any bias that may come across in presentations.*

### **Industry Standards**

#### Canon

*We are striving to use unbiased, scientifically-determined and verified information from well-credentialed sources. We seek to present the information in a neutral manner, devoid of political and economic commentary.*

#### Pressure

*A team-member presents information in a biased and opinionated manner to influence the target audience.*

#### Pressure

*A team-member sacrifices a process of information verification to meet a presentation deadline.*

Risk

*The presentation of factually incorrect and biased information to fulfill an individual agenda could lead to audience dissatisfaction and/or leave the subjects misinformed.*

Measure

*The sub-groups, each functioning autonomously, must responsibly adhere to established factual standards and present the information with integrity when called upon to do so.*

## **Social, Civic, and Geographic Communities**

Cannon

*We seek to disseminate relevant information in an effort to increase global warming awareness within the target communities by holding seminar-style presentations.*

Pressure

*Targeting and obtaining access to individuals and groups within the community interested in information regarding global warming.*

Risk

*We present information to an indifferent audience, or one which possesses preconceived notions and biases regarding global warming.*

Risk

*We are unable to reach enough audiences or individuals in our effort to increase global warming awareness.*

Measure

*It is imperative that each team member takes a similar commitment to targeting audiences and obtaining access to them in order to maximize our global warming education efforts.*

## **Personal Relationships**

Cannon

*Group members seek to maintain honest and respectful communication with one another to produce a consistently high standard for presentations.*

Pressure

*Individual group members seek to set a high standard for their own presentations.*

Risk

*Individuals may feel pressure to maintain standards and include incredible information.*

Risk

*Individuals may unfairly criticize others' presentation styles and contents to make their own work seem more impressive.*

Measure

*Sub-groups must strive to maintain open and honest communication within them to put together consistently credible presentations. Overall, communication within the group should be maintained to provide useful feedback for improvements, when necessary.*

## **Moral and Spiritual Values**

Cannon

*Team members are not required to impose on personal moral and/or religious values for the promotion of group goals.*

Pressure

*Outreach obligations and schedules may conflict with religious and/or personal commitments.*

Risk

*A group member feels pressure to forego regular religious commitments to attend an outreach program.*

Risk

*A group member feels pressure to dispense with a personal commitment to fulfill a presentation deadline.*

Measure

*The team leader should provide an open environment for communication of personal and religious commitments, and may make decisions regarding such commitments that are consistently fair for the group as a whole.*