

AFA Conflict of Interest Policy for Committee Deliberations and Voting

1. Members of committees must recuse themselves from voting when they face a potential conflict of interest, including, but not limited to, voting with regards to their family members, close friends, dissertation chair, and current or recent advisees, co-authors, and colleagues at their institution, where recent is defined as within the past 5 years.
2. If a committee member believes that there is a reasonable appearance of a conflict of interest for another reason, the member should report this to the committee chair and be recused from voting. If the member is unsure whether such an appearance exists, the member should report the potential conflict of interest to the Chair, and the Chair will make a determination. The Chair may seek the advice of the Ethics Committee.
3. The committee Chair and a committee member with a potential conflict of interest may consult regarding whether the committee member should be recused from all or part of a committee's deliberations.
4. Any member of an AFA committee who has concerns with the application of the AFA's Conflict of Interest Policy during committee deliberations can, in confidence, consult with the Chair of the Ethics Committee