

League of Vermont Writers
Code of Conduct and Ethics Statement
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The League of Vermont Writing (LVW)'s overarching ethical principles include: Honesty, Fairness, Objectivity, and Responsibility. Members shall act in accordance with these principles and should encourage others within their organizations to adhere to them.

LVW adheres to the tenet that an artist's ownership of their work of is sacrosanct. Any person, presenting at an LVW event shall agree to abide by this principle.

LVW is aware that the safety of artistic ownership is a tenuous one at best. To have one's work stolen, or used without permission, whether it be in music, sculpture, painting, writing, or any other artistic endeavor is one of the most professionally distressing experiences an artist can endure. Regardless of the legal courses of action that can be taken - which most artists usually can't afford - the waste of time and resulting emotional stress involved is disturbing.

Those who are members, presenters, or associates of the League of Vermont Writers in any capacity should hold fast to the standards of copyright, neither abusing it themselves nor suggesting that others abuse them, for any reason.

The officers and board of LVW demand ethical behavior from all who function within its group. Any member found to be in violation of this Code of Ethics by the Ethics Committee may have his/her membership privileges in the League of Vermont Writers revoked.

To these ends, if you wish to present at an LVW event, please sign and date this declaration. Thank you.

Name

Signature

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Date