

IASPM Ethics Committee Terms of Reference

The Ethics Committee will be a standing advisory committee to the IASPM Executive Committee (EC). The Ethics Committee will be empowered to consider ethical issues on any topic that may be considered relevant to the organisation (including but not limited to issues pertaining to the organisation's Code of Conduct, research ethics, AI, climate and environmental justice and decolonising the curriculum).

The committee will be composed of volunteers appointed by the Executive Committee, who, as far as possible, will appoint members who represent the diversity of the organisation, including different branches, different levels of seniority, and other identities. If nominations are not received that meet these goals, the EC may invite further nominations, including asking Branch Chairs to encourage members from their branch to stand.

The committee will have at least 4 members plus a liaison from the EC. New members can join on a rolling basis, but members are encouraged to commit to at least 2 years in the role. A call out for new ongoing members will be made once a year. Additional advisory members may be appointed to the committee or invited to contribute to committee discussions at any point if new types of expertise are deemed relevant to issues under consideration.

The liaison from the EC will be responsible for scheduling meetings. The committee will have a rotating chairperson, with the chair for the next meeting determined at the conclusion of the previous meeting.

The committee will normally meet once a quarter. If circumstances arise that require the input of the committee more frequent meetings will be arranged.

Minutes of the meetings of the committee will be made available to all IASPM members on the organisation's website.