

## ICC Standards & Practices

ICC expects all participants, including students and adults in all roles throughout the organization, to adhere to the highest ethical standards both on and off the platform. Philippians 2:3 says, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves...” (NIV) Showing respect for the people around us – including the audience, our teammates, and the other people we come into contact with – is the first step in authentic communication. As Christian communicators, our goal should be to serve others with our communication, which will allow us to build bridges and impact others for Christ.

With that in mind, here are four main areas in which we expect ICC communicators to practice and demonstrate this attitude of respect through the use of **SOAP**:

### **1. Respect for Sources**

We expect communicators to demonstrate academic integrity by showing respect for the words and ideas of others. Communicators must make it clear in every presentation whether their words are their own or are quoted from someone else. Ideas, concepts, and theories from others should be properly referenced and cited. By not exaggerating, misrepresenting, or leaving out sources, communicators establish their credibility and demonstrate their commitment to ethical behavior.

### **2. Respect for Others**

We expect communicators to treat those around them with courtesy and professionalism.

### **3. Respect for Authority**

We expect communicators to follow the instructions of those in authority, including community leaders, chapter leaders, facility staff, evaluators, event staff, and other adults. Questions or conflicts should be directed to the appropriate members of the event or organizational staff.

### **4. Respect for Platform**

We expect communicators to treat every platform as a privilege. Communicators do this in many ways, but especially by strictly adhering to the stated time limits, by confirming and following the appropriate dress code for every event, and by leaving every facility in which they speak in excellent condition. All of these things demonstrate that audience and staff time is valuable and that communicators appreciate the opportunity to speak.