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Individual / Corporate Members and Advisors

Terms & Conditions of Membership

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Principles of the Code of Ethics & Conduct and Terms & Conditions of BBA membership:

The British Blockchain Association ("The BBA CLG – Company Limited by Guarantee) is a not-for-profit organisation that has been set up to promote the comprehensive adoption of blockchain technology across the public and private sectors in the United Kingdom. Our mission is to work in strategic collaboration with organisations and individuals in the blockchain space by innovating best practices and adopt promising blockchain solutions to benefit wider community. We have a vision to accelerate progress and collaboration of blockchain based projects in the United Kingdom.

The British Blockchain Association’s Code of Ethics & Conduct sets forth the principles and ethical standards that underlie BBA members and Advisors’ professional responsibilities and conduct. These principles and standards should be used as guidelines when examining everyday professional activities. Membership of the BBA commits Members and Advisors to adhere to the BBA Code of Ethics and are advised of this obligation upon joining the Association and that violations of the Code may lead to the imposition of sanctions, including termination of membership. Personal activities having no connection to or effect on BBA performance of their professional affiliation are not subject to the Code of Ethics.

All members (Individual and Corporate) and Advisors are expected to abide by the BBA “Code of Conduct” outlined in this document. Association members are expected to adopt the highest standards of dignity, fairness and integrity. No member shall act in a manner detrimental to the interests of the public, their employer or the BBA. In performing their duties, no member of the BBA shall transgress any laws. It is incumbent on members of the BBA to abide by this Code. The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to bolster public confidence in the integrity and professional standards of the British blockchain Association. Abiding by this Code is essential for membership of the BBA.

The code is based on key principles outlined below:

1. Responsibility & Accountability

- All members and advisors should be aware of their ethical, legal and professional responsibilities incumbent to the specific community in which they work and also to the BBA. All individuals/corporations should avoid personal and professional misconduct that might bring the British Blockchain Association into disrepute.
- Members and Advisors are encouraged to advance public knowledge and understanding of the Blockchain technology to the wider community.
- Members and Advisors shall encourage and support fellow members in their professional development and, where possible, engage with and mentor new entrants to our Association.
- Members and Advisors shall not speak in the name of the association, its Advisory
board or Founders without formal authorisation by the Association.

2. Integrity & Honesty

All members and advisors should be:

- Honest and accurate in representing their professional affiliations and qualifications, including such matters as knowledge, skill, training, education and experience.
- Take reasonable steps to ensure that their qualifications and competencies are not misrepresented by others and to correct any misrepresentation identified. Members must recognise and clarify the limits of their knowledge, skills, training, qualifications, educations and experience.
- Be honest and accurate in conveying professional conclusions, opinions, and research findings, and in acknowledging the potential limitations.
- Members and advisors must understand that should a clear infringement of this Code or the principles it contains come to the attention of the BBA, it would be fully investigated. If the outcome of such an investigation confirmed that a member was in breach of the Code it would lead to a disciplinary hearing. One possible outcome of such a disciplinary hearing would be a withdrawal of Membership, which the association reserve the right to make public.
- Members and Advisors must not use their BBA membership as a means of conveying a level of competency as BBA is not an accrediting body and there is no assessment of competency to attain/retain membership.

3. Respect and Fairness

The BBA is committed to maintaining and promoting a professional environment within which its members and advisors treat each other with dignity and respect. All members will not discriminate against, bully or harass others on the basis of: cultural and role difference, including (but not exclusively) those involving age, disability, education, ethnicity, gender, language, national origin, political beliefs, race, religion, sexual orientation, marital or family status and socio-economic status. Respect the knowledge, insight, experience and expertise of fellow members and advisors, (regardless of career stage and length of BBA membership) relevant third parties, and members of the general public.

4. Privacy and Confidentiality

All members respect the individual and collective rights to privacy and maintain confidentiality in compliance with UK and International law and regulations or the laws of their usual residence/incorporation.
5. Avoidance of Personal Gain

Any activities undertaken in the BBA name must be consistent with BBA’s vision, strategic objectives and the principles outlined in this guide. If a conflict of interest does arise, the individual must inform the BBA. Failure to do so, may lead to the imposition of actions and ultimately termination of their BBA membership.

7. Collegiality

Collaboration with external learned societies and organisations is encouraged in order to develop the transfer and sharing of knowledge and to help disseminate learning and good practice. However, any formal offer of inclusion to the association as a member or advisory board must be discussed and approved by the responsible/authorized professionals nominated by the BBA, before such a position is offered. If members or advisors put in place barriers or are obstructive to such collaboration or acts in a way that brings BBA into disrepute through these collaborations, they may be in breach of this code and may face termination of their membership.

Membership and renewals:

The BBA membership is open to all. We welcome applications from individuals and corporates that are keen to advance their knowledge, skills and expertise in the Blockchain space and like to benefit from this cutting-edge technology to implement innovative changes in their practice. In order for your BBA application to be considered you must agree to the Terms and Conditions of the BBA code of conduct outlined above. In general, membership runs for 12 consecutive months from the date when a member has applied and their application has been approved. You will be asked if you would like to remain a member of the BBA (every 12 months from your membership start date). A member of BBA who has subscribed to BBA membership can cancel their membership anytime by contacting us in writing at admin@britishblockchainassociation.org. Members who cancel their membership are removed from membership with effect from the date on which their resignation is received by the BBA and all their member benefits and rights cease at that time. Please note that membership fee is non-refundable.

Members’ names and contact details will be stored on a database so that we can send you information and offers relating to membership. By agreeing to our T&C, you agree for these details to be shared with the relevant bodies/our collaboration partners. We may also use your details to send you information relating to BBA activities (which you may choose opt out of at any time). The BBA reserves the right to refuse or terminate a membership at any time.

Summary

This code of conduct establishes the principles for all BBA members to adhere to; however, it may not cover every issue that may arise. This code encourages trust and respect from its
members, Advisors and non-members involved in our activities. By agreeing to become a member (Corporate and/or Individual) or an Advisor, you agree to the Terms & Conditions of the BBA code of Ethics as per our Constitution outlined in this document.

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