

MEPAG Agreement on Acceptable Behavior

MEPAG is committed to providing a respectful, harassment-free experience for all participants in MEPAG activities. For public MEPAG meetings (in person, virtual, or hybrid) managed, implemented, and/or supported by the Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI), attendees agree to abide by the [LPI Code of Conduct](#). For any MEPAG events held at professional conferences (e.g., Town Halls) attendees are expected to follow the Code of Conduct and/or Agreement on Acceptable Behavior associated with that meeting.

For all MEPAG-hosted or -sponsored events including, but not limited to, Steering Committee (SC), Goals Committee (GC), and Science Analysis Group (SAG) meetings not managed, implemented, and/or supported by LPI, MEPAG will still follow the LPI Code of Conduct, with the following modifications to reporting and enforcement:

- Potential violations of the Code of Conduct and/or Agreement on Acceptable Behavior should be reported to the MEPAG Chair or any other MEPAG Steering Committee member, the NASA representative to MEPAG, or an appropriate law enforcement agency.
- The MEPAG SC will evaluate reported violations that do not fall into the category of potentially unlawful behavior. If any SC member is reported for a violation, they will not participate in the evaluation of their own conduct. The process consists of the following steps:
 - The SC will solicit written statements or other documentation from involved parties and any witnesses;
 - The SC will evaluate the evidence for, and severity of, the alleged violation to determine what, if any, consequences should be imposed. A simple majority of the SC is needed for any specific consequence(s) to be imposed;
 - The involved parties will be notified in writing of the SC's conclusions, including any consequences, which may include, but not be limited to, relieving a committee or SAG member of their position and potential exclusion from future MEPAG-hosted activities for a specified period, with no appeal process.

By participating in MEPAG activities, community members agree to abide by this Agreement on Acceptable Behavior so that we may all have free and open communication in a safe environment.