

AXIS Research, Inc. Code of Ethics Statement

AXIS Research, Inc. is a registered Pennsylvania non-profit organization formed to conduct archaeological excavation and interdisciplinary scientific research of cultural remains and paleoenvironments, concerned with educating students of the discipline to encourage modern interpretations in light of recent advances in various scientific fields.

Our mission is to conduct fieldwork and research that addresses past human behavior and interaction with the environment through archaeological investigation, landscape reconstruction, and the examination of paleoclimate and climate change, while fostering the education and practical experience of students of related scientific disciplines. We vow to apply appropriate interdisciplinary methods to archaeological data recovery that insure that fundamental behavioral and natural formation processes be measured and documented at informative levels of analytic resolution, and to report these findings to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), professionals, and the general public.

Members of AXIS Research, Inc. are expected to conduct themselves in a scientific and ethical manner in keeping with the bylaws and mission statement of this corporation. Members should familiarize themselves with these documents. Expectations also include but are not limited to the following statements:

AXIS Research, Inc. Members shall:

- 1) Actively support conservation of archaeological resources.
- 2) Discourage non-scientific or illegal treatment of archaeological resources.
- 3) Not engage in any unethical or illegal conduct or misrepresentation involving archaeological matters.
- 4) Not undertake any scientific research for which s/he is not qualified.
- 5) Not submit or present research subsumed by AXIS Research, Inc. that was not approved by the Executive Committee.
- 6) Respect the mission and interests of AXIS Research, Inc.
- 7) Relinquish all archaeological artifacts, field specimens, raw data forms, and computerized records associated with AXIS Research, Inc. projects.
- 8) Conduct research with the understanding that they do not own the data, and that it is the scientific and intellectual property of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the stewardship of AXIS Research, Inc.
- 9) Report knowledge of any member in violation of this code to the Board of Directors.
- 10) Understand that members failing to comply with the above stated criteria shall be subject to expulsion from AXIS Research, Inc. (see termination of membership in the bylaws under Article 3 Section 3.15).

Membership requirements are met:

- a) By signing and returning this statement of ethics.
- b) Upon payment of Annual Membership dues to AXIS Research, Inc.

By signing this document, I _____ agree to the terms of membership listed above.
(Print Name)

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Secretary Signature: _____ Date: _____