

ON THE PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING

It is doubtful whether engineering has been practiced as a profession to a point where definite codes of ethics and canons of practice are possible. Certainly management engineering as a branch of engineering practice has not. In the effort to supply what may be looked upon as an interim standard, the Board of Directors has approved the following statement in spirit, pending a time when there can be presented to the Society an adequate code born of our own experience.

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The sublimest duty of the engineer is to keep the faith:

The faith of the client that he will not undertake what he knows to be beyond his ability, and that with respect to what he undertakes he will give conscientious service to the limit of his ability;

The faith of his fellow engineers that he will remain true to his science and will magnify and not cheapen it; and that he will base his efforts for public recognition upon ability, scientific attainment and actual performance, and not upon ambiguous self-laudation;

The faith of the community that he will undertake no service inconsistent with the public welfare; and that in service consistent with the public welfare, but in which the interests of groups appear to come in conflict, he will judge carefully and sympathetically the claims of rival interests, and attempt to establish that unity of purpose which promotes the public welfare.