SACME Social Media Guidelines

SACME Social Media Guidelines are intended to provide guidance and support. Social media is a dynamic and invaluable communication medium. As new norms emerge, these guidelines will be updated accordingly.

Be professional
It is your responsibility to protect SACME’s reputation. How you conduct yourself not only reflects you – it is also a direct reflection of SACME. While social media is lighter in tone, please keep your messaging professional with proper spelling and grammar. Abbreviations are fine for Twitter, as is the occasional slang term--just don’t overdo it.

Be respectful
Be respectful of the diversity of our community. You may receive positive, neutral and negative comments. As an administrator, you can and should respond when relevant, but consider how the response may reflect on your organization and SACME.

Respect copyrights
Respect the laws governing copyright and fair use of copyrighted material owned by others. Always credit content (photos, images, videos, music, text, etc.) that you did not create. Prior to reposting, ask permission to post photos/videos.

Be accurate
Review spelling, grammar and punctuation. Mistakes happen and are best addressed quickly.

Respect confidentiality
Keep conversations focused on matters of public record. Do not disclose anything that is confidential, proprietary, personal or private.

Protect personal information
For safety and security reasons, do not post personal contact information on social media sites.

Be transparent
Be honest about your identity. If you choose to post about SACME on your personal timeline, please identify yourself and fully disclose yourself as a SACME member.

Do not endorse commercial partners
Any advertising, promotion or overly favorable endorsement of third-party products and services is not permitted.

Encourage dialogue
Remember that everyone has a right to share his/her opinions, whether positive or negative. Strive to create discussions that are welcoming, mutually respectful and inclusive. Your first instinct should not be to delete a post because you disagree with it. If possible, use the opportunity to solve a problem or generate a productive discussion.