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## **Purpose: To Provide Guidelines to how the Board and Governance Members of Shall behave with respect to Joint Ventures with Other Organizations.**

This is the Joint Ventures Policy of the PMI-Los Angeles Chapter to be posted on the website for all Sponsor organizations, speakers, education providers etc.

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This is document defines the policy of the PMI Los Angeles Chapter for entering into arrangements with other organizations (nonprofit or for profit) for mutual financial benefit.

This policy requires that the Board of Directors evaluate the potential participation by PMI Los Angeles Chapter or by any of its organizational affiliates or subsidiaries in a joint venture arrangement of any kind before any agreement with a third party is consummated to ensure that the new arrangement would be in full compliance with Federal and applicable state law and will not jeopardize PMI Los Angeles Chapter's exempt status with respect to such arrangements. It applies to any joint ownership or contractual arrangement through which there is an agreement to jointly undertake a specific business enterprise, investment, or exempt-purpose activity as further defined in this policy.

- A. Joint ventures or similar arrangements with taxable entities.** For purposes of this policy, a joint venture or similar arrangement (or a "venture or arrangement") means any joint ownership or contractual arrangement through which there is an agreement to jointly undertake a specific business enterprise, investment, or exempt-purpose activity without regard to: (1) whether the Organization controls the venture or arrangement; (2) the legal structure of the venture or arrangement; or (3) whether the venture or arrangement is taxed as a partnership or as an association or corporation for federal income tax purposes. A venture or arrangement is disregarded if it meets both of the following conditions:
- a) 95% or more of the venture's or arrangement's income for its tax year ending within the PMI Los Angeles Chapter's tax year is excluded from unrelated business income taxation [including but not limited to: (i) dividends, interest, and annuities; (iii) royalties; (iii) rent from real property and incidental related personal property except to the extent of debt-financing; and (iv) gains or losses from the sale of property]; and
  - b) The primary purpose of the Organization's contribution to, or investment or participation in, the venture or arrangement is the production of income or appreciation of property.
- B. Safeguards to ensure exempt status protection.** PMI Los Angeles Chapter will: (a) negotiate in its transactions and arrangements with other members of the venture or arrangement such terms and safeguards adequate to ensure that PMI Los Angeles Chapter's exempt status is protected; and (b)



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### For BoD, Trustees & Key Volunteers

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take steps to safeguard PMI Los Angeles Chapter's exempt status with respect to the venture or arrangement. Some examples of safeguards include:

- (1) Control over the venture or arrangement sufficient to ensure that it furthers the exempt purpose of the organization;
- (2) Requirements that the venture or arrangement gives priority to exempt purposes over maximizing profits for the other participants;
- (3) That the venture or arrangement not engage in activities that would jeopardize the Organization's exemption; and
- (4) That all contracts entered into with the organization be on terms that are significantly favorable to the Organization.