# **OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

## Preface

We uphold the integrity of our mission and work culture. We communicate transparently, take responsibility for our actions, respect each other and invest in physical and emotional safety.

## Integrity

We exhibit honesty and dependability so that others have full confidence in us and MAS. We build effective interpersonal relationships on this foundation.

## Communication

We use clear, direct, timely and considerate communication to promote a healthy and productive work environment. We refrain from speaking about other people or groups, preferring to speak directly to the appropriate person.

#### Accountability

We follow through on our responsibilities and refrain from placing blame, acknowledging mistakes and personal limitations as growth opportunities.

#### Respect

We value ourselves and others, honoring the need for autonomy, dignity and the right to make choices.

#### Safety

We strive to maintain a safe environment through education, reducing hazards to physical safety and creating space free of judgement, hostility and fear.