Sexual Harassment Policy

Conejo Players Theatre prohibits sexual harassment of all kinds. This policy applies not only to volunteers, but also to clients, customers, guests, vendors and anyone else doing business with Conejo Players Theatre. Any person who feels that he or she has been a victim of sexual harassment, or who believes that he or she has witnessed sexual harassment, should (if possible) directly and immediately inform the harasser that the conduct is unwelcome and that he or she must stop. The victim or witness should also notify the Executive Committee immediately.

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, offensive remarks about a person's sex, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Such activities are illegal when:

- Their purpose or effect of interferes with an individual's performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment
- Submission is made a term or condition, either explicitly or implicitly, of an individual's participation
- Submission to or rejection by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting that individual's participation

Sexual harassment includes many forms of offensive behavior, including the harassment of a person of the same gender as the harasser. The harasser can be the victim's director, another member of the cast or crew, supervisor in the house or box office, or fellow volunteer or patron. The victim does not have to be the person harassed but could be anyone affected by the offensive conduct. Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Unwelcome sexual flirtation, advances or propositions
- Verbal comments related to an individual's gender or sexual orientation
- Explicit or degrading verbal comments about another individual or his or her appearance
- The display of sexually suggestive pictures or objects in any volunteer location, including transmission or display via computer
- Any sexually offensive or abusive physical conduct
- The taking of or the refusal to take any personnel action based on a volunteer's submission to or rejection of sexual overtures
- Displaying cartoons or telling jokes which relate to an individual's gender or sexual orientation

It is important to Conejo Players Theatre that all volunteers are protected from harassment. Any incidents that are perceived as harassment will be investigated and appropriate action will be taken by Conejo Players Theatre.