

Pacific Northwest Software Quality Conference (PNSQC) Privacy Policy
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Protecting your privacy is important to us. The PNSQC Privacy Policy is our guideline for how we manage any personal information we collect from our communities, members, exhibitors, sponsors, volunteers and others. The PNSQC Privacy Policy is designed to protect you from the misappropriation of the personal information you share with us. This policy has been formulated so you understand what we will, and will not do, with your personal information including name, mailing address, email address, company affiliation and telephone number.

Information We Collect

Personal information, such as your name and address, is used to service your account and to inform you about updates to our products and services. We may also use this information to notify you of new products and services from PNSQC or our Exhibitors or sponsors. PNSQC collects this information in order to record and support your participation in the activities you select. By submitting personal information you understand and agree that PNSQC may store and process your customer profile and transfer it between any of our offices. We store information as long as we need it or until you request that it be removed from our system.

Membership Information

Additional information may be requested for purposes of becoming either a PNSQC voting member or a PNSQC community member. All such information is submitted by you voluntarily as part of your actions and participation as a member. Distribution of such information occurs only by your initiative. If you cancel your membership at some point in time and request deletion of specific information, we will delete that information.

Distribution to Third Parties

We will not sell your personal information to third parties. We may distribute your personal information to third parties, but only with your permission (for example, with your permission we may give your email address to conference exhibitors). We also may distribute information to third parties in an aggregated form that will not include any personal information.

Unless otherwise indicated, the names and email addresses you provide on "send a friend info" forms will be used only to send the message and let the recipient know who the message is from.

It is possible that we may need to disclose personal information when required by law, such as responses to civil or criminal subpoenas, or other requests by law enforcement personnel. We will disclose such information when we have a good-faith belief that it is necessary to comply with a court order, ongoing judicial proceeding, subpoena, or other legal process or request to

PNSQC. We may also release information if needed to exercise our legal rights or defend against legal claims.

Changes

If our information practices change at some time in the future, we will post the policy changes to our Web site. You will always have the ability to opt out of these new uses.

Data Protection

PNSQC takes precautions to protect users' information from unauthorized use. When users submit sensitive information via our Web site, the information is protected both online and offline. When our registration form asks for a credit card number or other sensitive information, that information is encrypted and protected.

Links

The PNSQC Web site may contain links to other Web sites, e.g., exhibitors or sponsors. PNSQC is not responsible for the privacy practices or the content of such Web sites.

Cookies

A cookie is a data file that Web sites may write to your computer's hard drive when you visit such sites to store information, such as a user identification code, that the site uses to track the pages you have visited. PNSQC may use cookies to track user traffic patterns throughout the PNSQC Web site and to remember passwords and personal preferences so that you don't have to enter them each time you visit the Web site. We will only use this data on an anonymous basis and will not correlate this information with personally identifiable data of any user. Business partners of the PNSQC and vendors providing hosting and other services for the PNSQC, may set their own cookies which may collect similar anonymous information. We take no responsibility for actions by such vendors and third parties.

Most Web site browsers automatically accept cookies, but you can usually change your browser settings to display a warning before accepting a cookie, or to refuse all cookies. If you choose to disable the receipt of cookies from our Web site, you may not be able to use certain features of the site.

Further Questions or Comments

If you have further questions, or if you believe the organization or this Web site is not following this privacy policy, please contact us either at privacy@pnsqc.org or through the "Contact Us" form on the Web site.