

New York State Dental Association

Council on Ethics

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS COUNCIL?

The goal of the Council on Ethics is to maintain and enforce the ADA/NYSDA Code of Ethics.

“JOB DESCRIPTION”: WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?

General responsibilities of a Council on Ethics member:

- To consider proposals for amending the Code of Ethics and to make recommendations to the House of Delegates.
- To recommend advisory opinions and interpretations of the Code of Ethics of the Association to the House of Delegates.
- To consider appeals from members of the Association subject to the decision of censure, suspension or expulsion by a component society and to hold hearings and render decisions thereon. No decision by a component society shall become final while an appeal is pending or until the thirty (30) day period for filing notice of appeal has elapsed. Subject to the approval of the House of Delegates and in conformity with the judicial procedures established by the American Dental Association, the Council on Ethics may establish rules of procedure with respect to such appeals.
- To adjudicate disputes arising under Chapter X, Section 30, of the Bylaws.
- To review disciplinary cases referred to it by component societies in the pre- hearing stage, and where appropriate, to conduct hearings on such cases.

WHAT WILL I GAIN BY DEDICATING MY TIME AND TALENTS (What’s in it for me?)

You will be an active participant in designing and enforcing the ethical norms that govern your profession.

SERIOUSLY, I’M REALLY BUSY! HOW MUCH TIME WILL THIS TAKE?

There are four in-person meetings a year, the primary purpose of which is to hear and decide actual ethics hearing cases involving ethics charges brought against NYSDA members. Staff will notify you and provide you with agenda and case hearing materials in advance of the meetings. You will be reimbursed for overnight accommodations (if necessary), travel and meal expenses when attending a meeting in Albany.

WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THIS COMMITTEE/COUNCIL?

The New Dentist member’s term is 2-years, up to a maximum of two consecutive terms (provided the person remains qualified as a new dentist throughout the term), based on recommendation from the New Dentist Committee and nomination by the NYSDA Board of Trustees, with election by the NYSDA House of Delegates.