

Council on Ethics  
REFERENCE COMMITTEE

Report No.	10	New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/>
Submitted By:	Council on Ethics			
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Total Financial Implication:	\$ 1700			
Amount One-time	\$ 1700	Amount On-going	Approx.	

### Report of the Council on Ethics

Since the last House of Delegates meeting, the Council on Ethics met on June 20, 2024, September 18, 2024, December 13, 2024, and March 21, 2025. Minutes of these meetings are on file in the NYSDA office and have been distributed to the Board of Trustees and to component presidents, presidents-elect, executive directors and council chairs.

**Ethics Hearings:** There were two hearings held pursuant to the NYSDA *Bylaws*, Chapter X, Section 20, Paragraph B. The Council issued public decisions in both cases. These decisions are still in the appeal time frame.

**Code of Ethics Review:** The Council dedicated a year to revising the NYSDA Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct to ensure they are up-to-date and aligned with the standards of the American Dental Association. An appropriate resolution is submitted.

**Ethics Term Limits:** Last year, the House of Delegates passed resolution 12S1H-2024, extending the term limits for members of the Council on Peer Review and Quality Assurance by an additional four years. The Council on Ethics seeks to implement a similar extension. This Council conducts disciplinary hearings that impact the membership status of dentists facing ethics charges, often involving interactions with attorneys representing these dentists. The experience gained by members is crucial for their administrative roles. An appropriate resolution has been submitted.

**Dental Ethics Scenario Videos:** When time permits, the Council members are shown videos on dental ethics. These videos are posted on YouTube by the American College of Dentists. Discussion among the members of the Council takes place after each video.

**Nomination of Ethics Chair:** The Council unanimously recommended Dr. Julie A. Connolly (New York County) to incoming NYSDA President Dr. Maurice L. Edwards for appointment as Council Chair from June 2025-2026. If selected, this will be Dr. Connolly's first term as Chair.

**Nomination of Lay Observer:** Mr. Robert Stern is recommended as the appointee for the position of Lay Observer.

Resolution 15 (338)

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