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Submitted By:	Council on Peer Review and Quality Assurance		
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### Report of the Council on Peer Review and Quality Assurance

1 Since the last House of Delegates meeting, the Council on Peer Review and Quality  
 2 Assurance met on September 20, 2024, and April 4, 2025. Minutes of these meetings  
 3 are on file in the NYSDA office and have been distributed to the Board of Trustees and  
 4 to component presidents, presidents-elect, executive directors and council chairs.

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 6 **Case Review:** At each of its meetings, members of the Council discussed cases they  
 7 have worked on. In this forum, they are able to bounce questions and ideas off one  
 8 another for unique and sometimes difficult cases. This has proved to be a useful tool for  
 9 the Council members when dealing with new cases on the local level.

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 11 **Appeals:** There were two peer review hearings that were appealed since the last  
 12 House of Delegates meeting. Both requests were denied because they did not meet the  
 13 requirements for an appeal.

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 15 **Mediation and Hearing Chair:** The Council voted to resolve ambiguity in the Peer  
 16 Review Manual concerning whether the local hearing chair can also serve as the  
 17 mediator for peer review hearings. The Council agreed to update the Manual to clarify  
 18 that the mediator and the hearing chair can be the same person, if desired. The Peer  
 19 Review Manual has been updated to reflect this change.

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 21 **Nomination of Chair:** The Council unanimously recommended Dr. Lawrence J.  
 22 Lehman to incoming NYSDA President Dr. Maurice L. Edwards for appointment as  
 23 Council chair from June 2025-2026. If selected, this will be Dr. Lehman's second term  
 24 as chair.

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 26 **Nomination of Lay Observer:** Mr. Bill Ketzer is recommended as the appointee for the  
 27 position of lay observer.

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