

Resolution No.	16	New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/>
Submitted By:	Suffolk County Dental Society			
Date Submitted:	April 26, 2026	Reference Committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Direct to House <input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Financial Implication:	\$ none			
Amount One-time	\$ none	Amount On-going	Approx. \$ none	

Peer Review

1 **Background Statement:** Currently, NYSDA’s Peer Review complaint process can be
 2 offered to either member or non-member dentists under certain circumstances. If the
 3 practice owner is a member, then any of the employee dentists would be entitled to
 4 participate. On the other hand, if the employee dentist is a member, then the non-
 5 member owner dentist(s) would be protected by the process as well.

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 7 Although this system has been in place for decades, we believe that this policy needs to
 8 be changed. Our organization has been losing members and market share for many
 9 years. The older prevalent model of single owner dental practices has changed as well.
 10 The system which worked well in the past is no longer best for our organization or our
 11 members.

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 13 We also believe that the Peer Review program is one of the best benefits available to
 14 our dues-paying members. Why are we giving it away for free to non-members at the
 15 same time that our market share is seriously declining? What should be an incentive for
 16 members to join and continue their membership, has become the opposite. In today’s
 17 world of large corporate dental offices, one member dentist owner could allow
 18 numerous non-members to enjoy the benefits of peer review. Consequently, the
 19 employee dentist who already is receiving other benefits through his employment, is
 20 also able to take advantage of one of our most important offerings, without the need to
 21 join our Association.

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 23 It appears that we are not the only ones to recognize this problem. We understand that
 24 the organizations in California, Texas and Florida have all amended their Peer Review
 25 programs to limit the benefit to members only.

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 27 We understand that if this resolution is passed by the House of Delegates, the Peer
 28 Review Manual will need to be modified to reflect this change. We know that there will
 29 be numerous ways to do so and we do not wish to address those details with this
 30 resolution. We know that this is work that should be done by the Council. However, we
 31 wish to ensure that the basic premise of membership is followed and hope that the HOD
 32 agrees.

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34 Accordingly, the following resolution is submitted for consideration.

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36 **16. Resolved**, That the member benefits of Peer Review be offered only to
37 NYSDA members.

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40 **Board Comments:** The Board concurred that the Peer Review process is a member-
41 only benefit and it should not be extended to non-members, no matter what the practice
42 formation is.

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44 **BOARD RECOMMENDATION: VOTE YES**

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Demas	X				Hills	X				Ramjattansingh	X			
Dominger	X				Jacobs	X				Rothas	X			
Edwards	X				Jacobo	X				Samuels	X			
Gamache	X				Korkosz	X				Scharoff	X			
Giordano	X				Krishnan	X				Stacy	X			
Greenberg	X				Miller	X				Stacey	X			
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