

## **Council on Peer Review**

### **Action Plan**

#### Purpose

The Peer Review Council serves to ensure the highest standards of professional care, ethics, and conduct within the dental community by upholding the Principles of Ethics of the American Dental Association and the Code of Ethics of the New Jersey Dental Association. The Council provides a consistent framework and clear guidelines for component and specialty societies in accordance with the New Jersey Dental Association's Peer Review Policy Manual. The Council's work supports fairness, professionalism, and accountability across the profession. c.

#### Duties

1. Uphold the high standards of professional care and conduct established by this Association, the Principles of Ethics of the American Dental Association and the Code of Ethics of the New Jersey Dental Association.
2. Provide a uniform structure and promulgate guidelines for each component society of the Association, and the specialty societies, as described in the New Jersey Dental Association's Peer Review Policy Manual as approved by the Board of Trustees.
3. Determine the appropriateness of appeals at the request of any involved party and, when indicated, grant a rehearing of the case in accordance with the rules of the council.
4. Establish and maintain records of all cases reviewed by component peer review committees and the resolution of such cases.
5. Develop a list of recommended dental examiners for the approval of the Board of Trustees, for referral to insurance companies, when requested.

#### Composition

The Council on Peer Review shall be composed of:

- A chairperson
  - The Chairperson may or may not be appointed from the designated members, at the discretion of the President. The specialty societies to be represented are: New Jersey Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; New Jersey Section of American College of Prosthodontists; New Jersey Society of Periodontists; New Jersey Association of Orthodontists; New Jersey Association of Pediatric Dentists; and the New Jersey Association of Endodontists.
  - The Chair cannot serve more than five (5) consecutive one (1) year terms.
- a member from each component society, who shall be designated by the component society, except the student component at RSDM,
- a NJDA member from and designated by each specialty society. Each member will have one vote.

#### Time Commitment

The council meets approximately one to two times per year via Zoom. The duration of the meetings are approximately a half hour.

### Participation Expectations

**Terms:** The term of office of members of councils shall be one (1) year except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws.

**Attendance:** The tenure of office of a member of a council can be terminated by the Board of Trustees in accordance with Article IV if the member has been absent from three consecutive regularly called meetings of the council.

**Engagement:** As a valued member of the Peer Review Council, your commitment to upholding the standards of professional excellence, ethics, and patient care is essential to our collective mission. Your role involves not only reviewing cases with objectivity and integrity but also fostering trust within our dental community. By actively participating in the development of guidelines, ensuring fair appeals, and maintaining accurate records, you contribute to a transparent and equitable process that reflects the high standards of our profession. Your dedication helps reinforce our commitment to accountability and enhances the public's confidence in dental care.

**Conduct:** The Association is committed to the principle that all individuals should be treated with dignity and respect. The Association strongly disapproves of any action or conduct by members or employees which constitutes harassment of an individual on account of race, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, national origin or any other characteristic protected by law.

### Resources

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