



New York State Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

Professional Standards Committee Virtual Meeting Report

Monday, February 1, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting
1:00pm-2:30pm

Andy Burke
Chair

Marie Bettini
Vice Chair

Call to order, welcome and introductions were made

September 17, 2020 report was approved

Chair updated the committee on the ethics hearings for 2021. Referred cases are currently in the process of being scheduled.

Anthony Gatto, Esq. provided a Legal update, reviewing the articles and Standards of Practices that do not pertain to New York. He informed the community and guests that Standards of Practice 3-4, 16-16 and the section of 12-5 which pertains to advertising with social media and adding links may not be used in New York State as the basis of a Ethics complaint. Regarding SOP 12-5, he included the Division of Licensing services recommendations along with the section that addresses the need for including links. Anthony provided examples on advertising which members may do to remain in compliance with the DOS opinion and examples REALTORS should not use.

Chair welcomed and introduced speaker Linda Lugo, Linda served on the NAR Professional Standards Committee in 2020 when the changes she will address were considered and approved by the committee and the NAR Board of Directors. Ms. Lugo's tenure on the committee ran from 2017 through 2020. She also served as chair of the NAR Professional Standards Forum. Linda's Professional Standards Update included, explaining background and adoption of a new Standard of Practice to Article 10, SOP 10-5 and Statement of Policy 29 which now makes the applicability of the Code of Ethics A REALTOR® subject to disciplinary action under the Code of Ethics with respect to all of their activities.

Questions from attendees included the status of any Case Interpretations associated with scenarios provided by NAR regarding examples of when a hearing panel might find a violation of Article 10 based on SOP 10-5 and when a hearing panel might not find a violation. New Case interpretations related to hearings citing Article 10, SOP 10.5 should be coming soon from NAR in the future.



Chair opened the floor
General Counsel,
Lugo, answered.

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to questions in which
Anthony Gatto and Ms.

The committee Vice Chair reported on the upcoming virtual Professional Standards Procedural Trainings for 2021. The trainings will be two-day sessions held on March 15-16, March 23-24, March 25-26 and March 30-31 from 9am-12pm.

There was no new business and the meeting was adjourned.