



New York State Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

Professional Standards Committee Virtual Meeting Report

Tuesday, October 5, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting
11:30am-1:00pm

Andy Burke
Chair

Marie Bettini
Vice Chair

Call to order, welcome and introductions were made

February 1, 2021 report was approved

Chair updated the committee on the ethics hearings for 2021. Referred cases have either been completed or scheduled through May 2022.

Chair welcomed and introduced speaker Mike Smith, a member of NAR's Professional Standards Committee. He explained the history of the Code of Ethics, went over SOP 10-5, the change in Policy 29, interpretations of 10-5 and in depth definitions of the terms used in 10-5, which can be found on NAR's website. He then answered questions from the audience.

Anthony Gatto, Esq. provided a Legal update, he explained that there were many Fair Housing related bills that have passed through Legislation and are anticipated to pass through the house. We anticipate a huge educational push when passed.

Chair welcomed and introduced speaker Brian Levine, Esq., HGAR, Professional Standards Administrator. He presented the pros and cons of virtual hearings. The past, present and what can we expect in the future.

Chair welcomed and introduced Lanie Bittner, GRAR President and Jim Yockel, GRAR CEO. They explained and showed results of a survey they recently sent to their members on Unethical behavior over the last three years.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the NYSAR Pro Standards committee send a letter to the NAR Pro Standards committee asking it to examine the gap between Federal and State level protected classes, specifically in regards to Article 10. This motion was forwarded to the Professional Standards Steering Committee for consideration.

Chair reported that there are no scheduled Professional Standards Administrator Trainings with NYSAR in 2022.



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There was no new business and the meeting was adjourned.