



***Council/Committee/Task Force
Report Form/Board Recommendation***

Committee Name:	Professional Conduct & Ethics Committee	Quarter/Year:	Year end 2025
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Chair – Dr. Kathleen Anderson
Board Liaison – Dr. Erin Contino
Staff Liaison – David Foley/Shelly Coomer

Committee Charge:

To review and analyze ethical issues facing the AAEP membership and to educate the membership on these issues through resource development and programming; to evaluate complaints of unethical practice against AAEP members and to recommend disciplinary action to the board regarding membership privileges.

This Committee is:

- ☒ Reporting with no action
☐ Recommending board action or a policy change (add information below)

Summary of Activities/Issues/Decisions/Accomplishments:

- Revised the charge for the PCEC to include providing more educational resources and materials to the members on conduct & ethical principles in equine practice.
- Wrote six articles on ethical topics for member education in EVE
- Submitted several scenarios to SPUR
- Hosted a PCEC Wednesday roundtable “The Lens of Ethics”
- Co-hosted a Wednesday roundtable with Performance Horse and Early Career: Practical Performance Horse Ethics: Guiding the Next Generation.
- Repeating collaborative presentation for Ethics session on Tuesday morning in Denver.
- Discussions regarding the AAEP Position Statement on ESWT-how to reach horse owner/industry distribution and/or exhibitors.

- Multiple member infractions were addressed; several cases are still being monitored and one recommendation to the board for membership revocation.

The agenda for Denver will consist of recap and planning for next year. Some topics will include the possibility of creating a joint task force with the Society for Theriogenology focused on the ethics of assisted reproductive technology (ART). Switching to quarterly EVE articles & increasing the SPUR case studies w/ practitioner and ethicist perspectives juxtaposed.

Recommendation for board action: (state in the form of a motion and provide any background or supporting documentation you feel is appropriate):

No recommendations or actions for the board.