

MRFA Ethics Committee Report for 2010/2011

Here is an overview of our activities:

1. We contributed to the ongoing revision of the ethics bylaws. We received excellent criticisms and suggestions from a number of MRFA members, who we would like to thank for their input. We would also like to acknowledge and thank our president Gerry Cross for his leadership in moving the process of developing the new proposed bylaws forward, and for his thoughtful contributions. Thanks also to the Executive for their insight, editing skills, and substantial improvements to the draft bylaws. Finally, we owe a special debt of gratitude to David Hyttenrauch for his leadership through this process and for rewriting Article 17.
2. We heard two complaints. One was dismissed as lacking merit and the other resulted in a finding of numerous violations of Article 16. In this case we imposed a number of disciplinary measures that included loss of good standing for three years, suspension of voting privileges for three years, suspension of privileges to attend MRFA and committee meetings for three years, and a suspension of the privilege of holding any MRFA position or committee designation for three years.
3. We fielded a handful of enquiries which were handled informally.
4. One of our members, Robert Bragg, took up a leave for the winter term. We would like to thank his replacement, Shiraz Kurji, for stepping forward and providing excellent service to the committee.
5. We met regularly throughout the year and consulted with the Executive periodically about the development of the revised bylaws.
6. Two of our members represented us at the Upstanding Committee event on March 25th.
7. Our Chair represented us at a PD presentation on May 10th in Kananaskis entitled, "Conflict, Challenges, and Change".