

# NYSBA Governance and Policy

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# House of Delegates

- Association Bylaws Article V
- HOD are the trustees of the Association
- Members: Officers, Executive Committee, representatives from Sections, representatives county bars, city bar, 12 Diversity delegates, and 2 out of state delegates
- Approving reports and adopting policies and positions of the Association



# Code of Conduct

- Fiduciary responsibility to Association
- Duty of loyalty, act in best interests of Association
- Forbids self dealing
- Conflict of Interest: personal financial interest that affects objectivity
- Confidentiality: all non-public information regarding Association employees, financial information



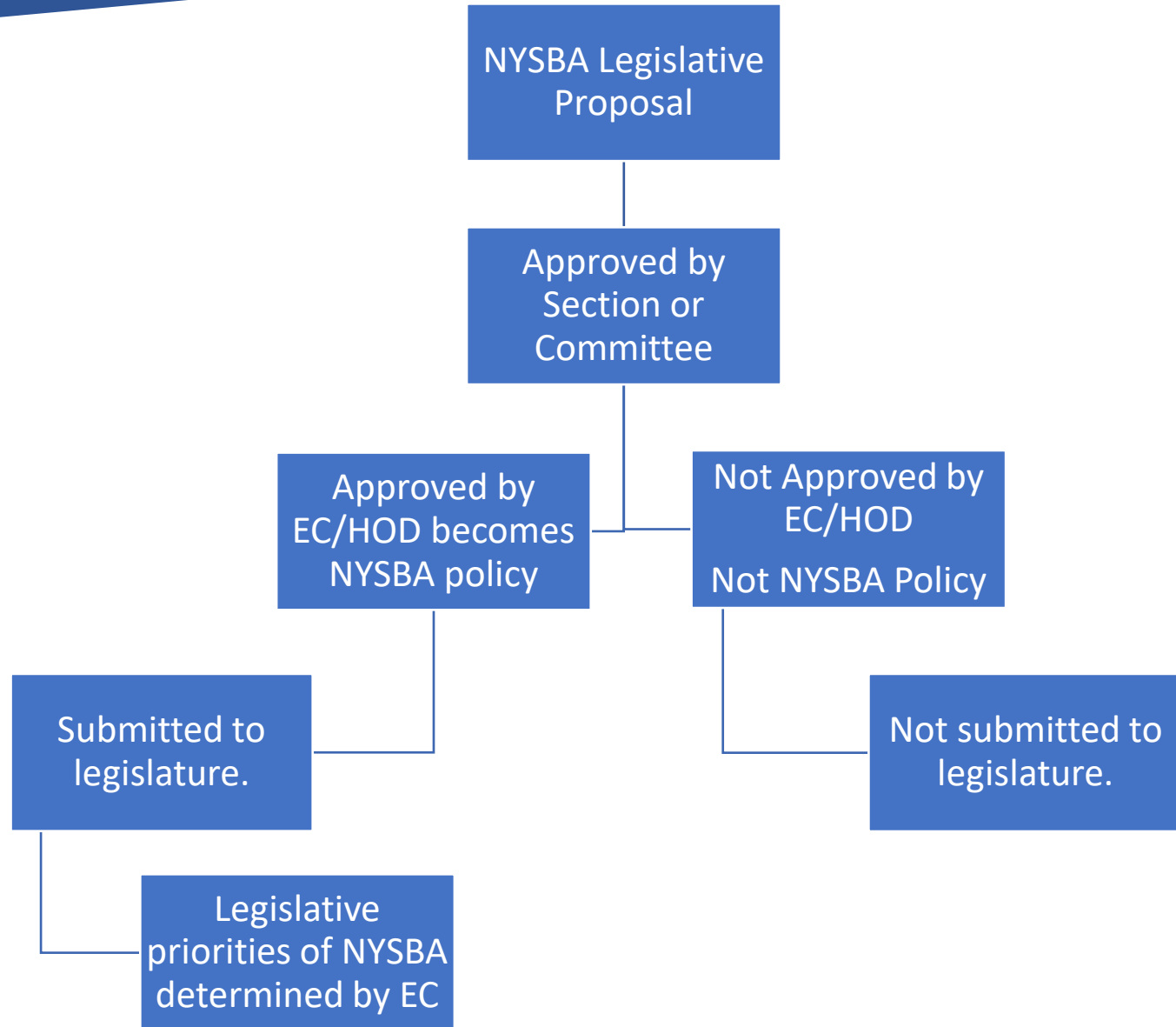
## Rules of the HOD for Consideration of Reports

- Initiation of legislative action or proposal at state or federal level
- Only with prior approval of Executive Committee (6 months) or House of Delegates
- Reports with proposed resolutions going to the HOD must be submitted for posting on the Reports page 75 days prior to meeting (may be waived by officers)



## Advocacy

- Legislative priorities
- Association policy
- Approved Section or Committee Policy
- Conflicting Section or Committee Policy



# Non- NYSBA Legislative Proposal

Supported or Opposed by Section or Committee

Reviewed by NYSBA President

Send to EC for consideration

Not permit to be released

Permit to be released by Section or Committee

EC Approves

EC Not Approve

Becomes NYSBA policy for 6 months unless approved by HOD

Not NYSBA policy unless approved by HOD



## Communications

- All communications with media and/or public must go through the Communications Department
- All communications with elected or government officials must go through Government Relations Department
- All communications or representations in capacity as NYSBA representative (indicating section or committee chair or member) must go through Communications and/or Government Relations Departments