

# New York State Bar Association: Governance and Policy

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## House of Delegates

- 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)

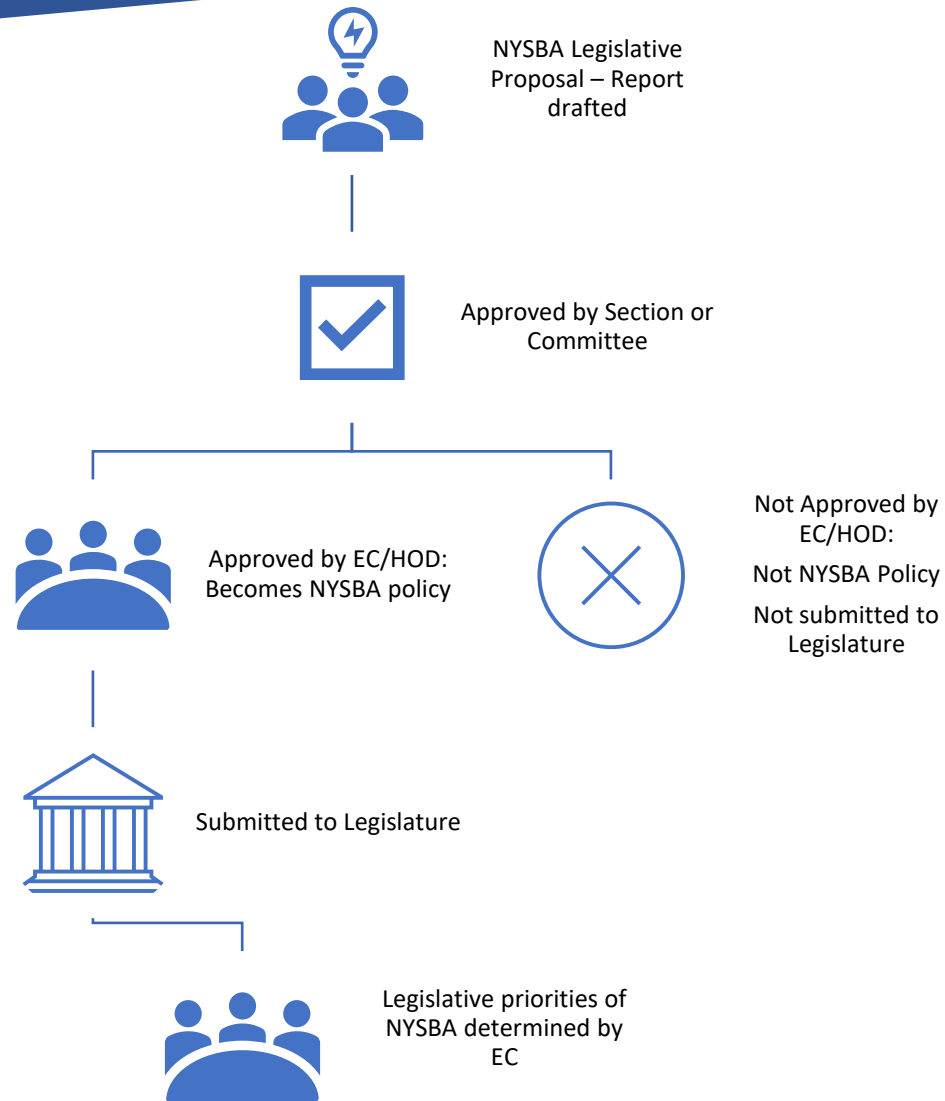


## Advocacy

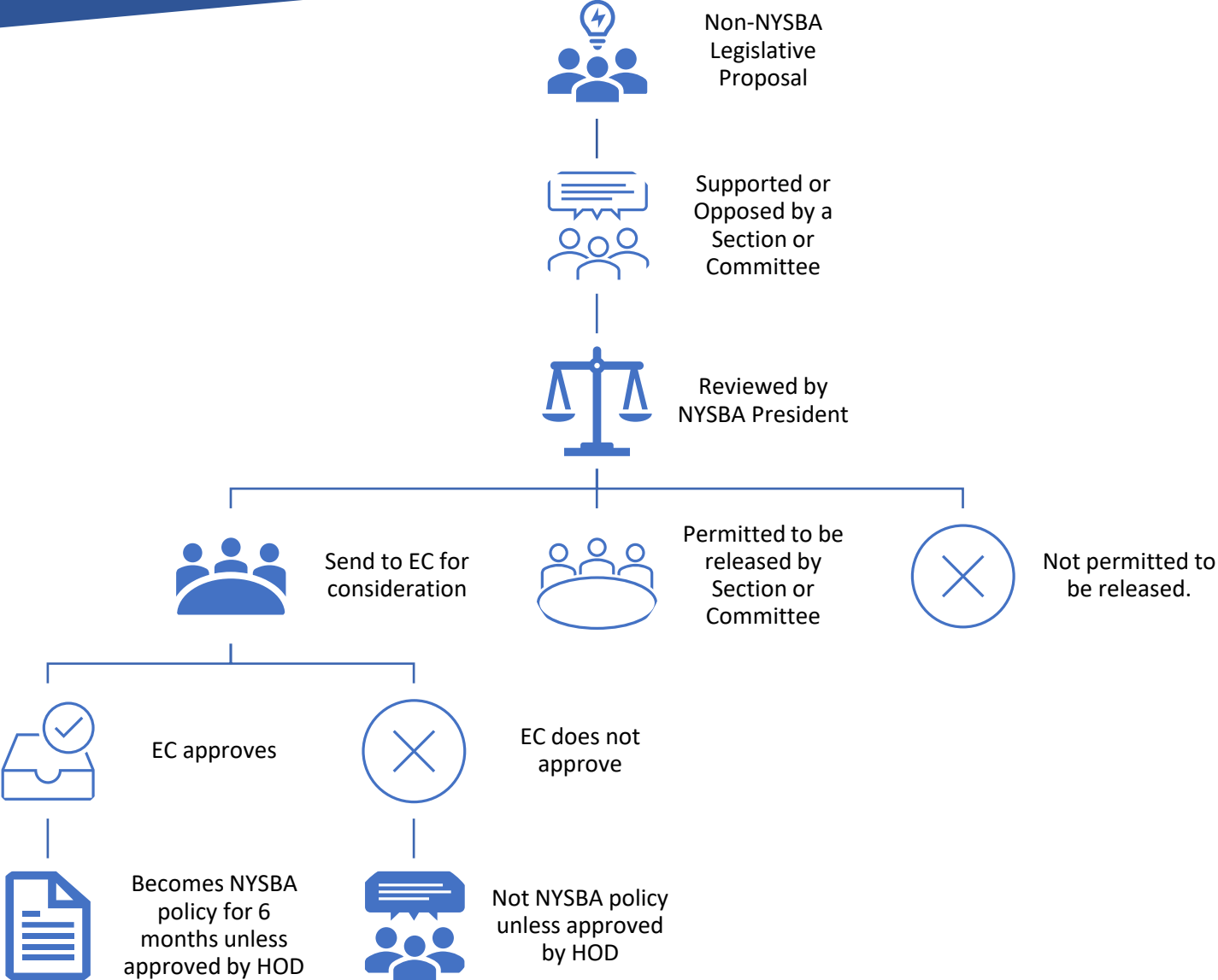
**Reports are vital to successful advocacy**

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

# NYSBA Legislative Proposal



# Non- NYSBA Legislative Proposal



## Lobby Disclosures

- NYSBA is a registered lobbyist for the advocacy in New York State
- Filings are required for all lobby activity (including Sections and Committees) and must go through NYSBA's Government Relations Department.



# Communications



Media:  
Communications  
Department.



Elected or  
government  
officials:  
Government  
Relations  
Department.



All communications or  
representations in  
capacity as NYSBA  
representative  
(indicating section or  
committee chair or  
member) must go  
through  
Communications and  
Government Relations  
Departments

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