

and universally accepted. Those present felt that there is considerable confusion and/or lack of information concerning the existence of codes of ethics. Subsequently specific ethical standards concerning various aspects of forensic activities are not widely known.

Further descriptive research about current ethical practices appears limited. Additionally current ethical concerns and questions have not been explored/researched as completely as would seem appropriate.

With this in mind the following suggestions/observations were offered:

- 1 Organizations which currently have a formalized code of ethics should advertise the existence of and make available copies of these codes.
- 2 That SPECTRA, NFA, AFA, PKD, DSR-TKA and other organizational journals should carry an announcement of these available codes as well as how to obtain them.
- 3 That directors of forensics obtain these codes and discuss them with coaching staffs and competitors.
- 4 Various forensic organizations should encourage descriptive research on ethics to ascertain current ethical practices and related forensic concerns about these practices.
- 5 As a long-term goal it was the general consensus of those present that a single unified code of ethics governing forensic activities which is endorsed and supported by all national, regional, and state organizations is desirable.
 - A The end result would (hopefully!) be a code of ethics which is applied to all forensic activity rather than just national events.
 - B Such a code would provide students protection from unethical practices as well as establishing a vehicle for adjudication.
 - C The codes would articulate avenues of recourse to pursue ethical violations.
 - D Those present felt that the council of forensic organizations may be an appropriate group to design such a code.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ETHICAL QUESTIONS FOR COACHES/COMPETITORS

The forensic community appears to be one of only a few organizations/activities which operates without a code of ethics which is clearly defined