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*“How you understand your role
in the workplace directly
informs how you act”*



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My collaboration with George:

- Professional Council
- Ethics
- Board of Directors
- And many unstructured explorations of life, medical physics and professionalism



The profession



- What defines a profession?
- What is each individual's responsibility in this regard?
- What is a professional society's role and responsibility?



Board of Directors



- Responsibility and role
- “Process matters”
- Having the courage to disagree



Ad Hoc Committee of the Board on Board Meetings	Member	5/5/2006	12/31/2007
Board of Directors	Board Member-At-Large	1/1/2006	12/31/2008



Professional Council



- The contrarian (*aka thorn in my side*)
- Standards of practice defined by medical physicists
- Communicating what matters

Professional Council	Member as Chair of Professional Services Committee (PROFS)	1/1/2007	12/31/2010
TG259 - MPPG #7 - Medical Physics Extenders	Member	12/12/2014	12/31/2019
Professional Economics	Member	1/1/2012	12/31/2017
Subcommittee on Practice Guidelines	Member	1/1/2011	10/7/2012
Ad Hoc Committee on the Electronic Presence of AAPM	Member	7/23/2009	5/11/2010
Ad Hoc Committee on Mission Statement Revision	Member	1/1/2009	12/31/2009



Ethics



- Yes, the Code of Ethics (twice) – but so much more

- Duty to the patient



- Professional comportment and respect for others*

**recognizing that “healthy confrontations” were often perceived as disrespectful by others*

Ethics	Committee Vice Chair	1/1/2015	12/31/2017
Professional Council	Member as Guest of Ethics (ET) - Vice Chair	1/1/2015	12/31/2017
TG109 - Code of Ethics	Task Group Vice Chair	1/1/2015	12/31/2018



Quotes

“If you never disagree, then they didn’t need you.”

“Professional comportment: Professional is as professional does.”

“You are empowered to cause great harm.”

“Underlying all of this is people.”

