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**Director Committee Report**

Director name: Margaret Garemore

Committee name and position on Committee: Professional Standards - Regional Rep

Committee meeting date and time: Thursday, January 23, 2014 - 8:00 - 9:50 a.m.

Please list the top 3 items discussed at your meeting and the eventual outcome, if applicable:

- Item discussed: The Code of Ethics  
Outcome achieved: Review and Discussion of 2014 Code of Ethics Changes
- Item discussed: Citation Policy Update/Sharing Human Resources  
Outcome achieved: Review of Discipline Options for Pro Standards Panels
- Item discussed: Statewide Data Base known as Ethics Check  
Outcome achieved: Updated Information on the Purpose and Use of the Data Base

Please summarize your meeting in one paragraph:

There were no action items at this meeting. The focus was to review and discuss the following:

1. The new rules and changes to the Code of Ethics, specifically the Articles and Standards of Practice.
2. The importance of the citation policy with a goal of excellence in Ethics. Some Associations such as PFAR have an ethics advocate. There was mention of associations working together and perhaps sharing volunteers, as needed.
3. The new statewide data base is to be used only by association administrators for vetting members by checking for Code of Ethics violations and penalties. The data base is not available to other Realtors or members of the public. Also, there was a review of the different disciplines available to the Pro Standards Panels, from a letter of warning to suspension.