

AZBTR – Chair Report
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I wanted to take this point in time to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the many Enforcement Advisory Committee (EAC) members that serve this Board through their evaluation of complaints brought before the Board. Just as with the research and investigations into the allocations from the dedicated and knowledgeable Board staff, this Board would be hard pressed to function without the rigorous efforts of these dedicated individuals on the EAC. The EAC provides a critically important peer review of the complaint and a detailed review by knowledgeable individuals within that registered profession. The recommendations provided by the EAC are invaluable guides that assist the Board with their decision making and I for one have relied on these very heavily over the past several years during my time on this Board.

Recently Melissa and I received a letter from one of our EAC committees asking for clarification of a Board ruling while stating that we should not overturn their decision. While I fully appreciate the rigorous efforts that they apply in making their recommendations, it may happen from time to time that the Board will come to a different conclusion than the EAC. It should be noted that occasionally, even members within an EAC may also reach different conclusions. This is the nature of the professions that this Board regulates. As dictated by our Statutes and Rules, the EAC is requested to provide their recommendations of the complaint and any issues surrounding that complaint to the Board and then the Board considers these recommendations along with any other related factors, which may include discussions during the Board meeting, in making their final ruling on the case.

Thus, I would again express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the individual EAC members for their time and dedication to enforcing our Statutes and Rules and to the function that these committees provide to this Board in facilitating the evaluation and disposition of the complaints, even knowing that occasionally the Board may not necessarily follow their recommendations fully.