

STANDING ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

STATUS OF PREVIOUS SAG STANDARDS-SETTING DISCUSSION TOPICS

OCTOBER 14-15, 2009

The following table is a list of standards-setting topics previously discussed with the Standing Advisory Group ("SAG") and the current status of each discussion topic. The discussion topics are presented in the order of the most recent SAG meeting date. Current standards-setting projects are projects that are on the Office of the Chief Auditor's ("OCA") current standards-setting agenda.^{1/}

Discussion Topic	Status^{2/}	Discussion Date(s)
Audit Confirmations	Issued concept release; current standards-setting project	April 2009 September 2004
Engagement quality reviews	Adopted Auditing Standard No. 7, <i>Engagement Quality Review and Conforming Amendment to the Board's Interim Quality Control Standards</i>	April 2009 October 2005 June 2004
Going concern	Current standards-setting project	April 2009
Audit considerations in the current economic environment	Issued Staff Audit Practice Alert No. 3, <i>Audit Considerations in the Current Economic Environment</i>	October 2008
Feasibility of audit quality indicators	Not a current standards-setting project	October 2008
Signing the auditor's report	Issued concept release; current standards-setting project	October 2008
Accounting firms' and auditors' responsibility to supervise	Current standards-setting project	February 2008

^{1/} See OCA Current Standards-Setting Agenda (October 14-15, 2009).

^{2/} See Legend on pages 3-4.

Discussion Topic	Status^{2/}	Discussion Date(s)
Advisory Committee on Improvements to Financial Reporting to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (CiFIR) proposal relating to judgments made by financial statement preparers and auditors	Standards-setting under consideration ^{3/}	February 2008
Global quality control practices	Current standards-setting project	February 2008
Audit implications of IFRS Financial Statements in U.S. SEC Filings	Pending review of interim standards	October 2007
Auditing fair value	Current standards-setting project	June 2007 September 2004
Engagement team performance	Being addressed through various current standards-setting projects; Pending review of interim standards	June 2007
Related parties	Current standards-setting project	June 2007 September 2004
Discussion of forensic audit procedures	Not a current standards-setting project	February 2007
Discussion of implementation of Section 404	Adopted Auditing Standard No. 5, <i>An Audit of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting That Is Integrated with An Audit of Financial Statements</i> ; Issued <i>Staff Views – An Audit of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting That Is Integrated with An Audit of Financial Statements: Guidance for Auditors of Smaller Public Companies</i>	February 2007 June 2006 June 2005 November 2004

^{3/} A portion of the CiFIR recommendation relates to a recommendation that the SEC adopt a policy statement regarding accounting judgments. If the SEC implements the recommendation relating to the accounting judgments the PCAOB will evaluate the portion of the recommendation relating to auditing judgments.

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Independence and indemnification/ limitation of liability clauses	Not a current standards-setting project	February 2006
Risk assessment	Issued proposed auditing standards; current standards-setting project	February 2006 February 2005
Specialists	Current standards-setting project	February 2006
Communications and relations with audit committees	Current standards-setting project	October 2005 June 2004
Principles of reporting	Adopted Auditing Standard No. 6, <i>Evaluating Consistency of Financial Statements</i>	October 2005
Reasonable assurance	Pending review of interim standards	October 2005
Reporting model	Standards-setting under consideration	February 2005
Codification of standards	Pending review of interim standards	November 2004
GAAS hierarchy	Pending review of interim standards	November 2004 June 2004
Quality control	Pending review of interim standards	November 2004 June 2004
Reporting on the correction of material weaknesses	Adopted Auditing Standard No. 4, <i>Reporting on Whether a Previously Reported Material Weakness Continues to Exist</i>	November 2004
Fraud and related topics	Being addressed through various current standards-setting projects; Standards-setting under consideration	September 2004
Auditor's responsibility for communications to investors containing financial information	Not a current standards-setting project	June 2004

Legend

Current standards-setting project	Project on the OCA current standards-setting agenda.
Standards-setting under consideration	OCA is currently considering whether to begin a standards-setting project in this area.
Pending review of interim standards	OCA will consider this discussion topic as it proposes updates to the interim standards.
Not a current standard setting project	OCA does not plan to begin a standards-setting project regarding this topic in the near future.

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