



STANDING ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

STATUS OF PREVIOUS SAG STANDARD-SETTING DISCUSSION TOPICS

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The following table is a list of standard-setting topics previously discussed with the Standing Advisory Group ("SAG") since October 2008 and the current status of each discussion topic. The discussion topics are presented in the order of the most recent SAG meeting date. Current standard-setting projects are projects that are on the Office of the Chief Auditor's ("OCA") current standard-setting agenda. ¹/

Discussion Topic	Status ² /	Discussion Date(s) During the Period
Auditor's reporting model	Issued concept release; held roundtable; current standard-setting project	March 2011 July 2010 April 2010
Auditing financial statement disclosures	Standard-setting under consideration	March 2011
FASB/IASB projects and potential challenges to auditing	Not a standard-setting project ^{3/}	March 2011 October 2010 July 2010
Modernization of COSO internal control –	Not a standard-setting project ^{4/}	March 2011

¹/ See OCA Standard-Setting Agenda (November 2011).

^{2/} See Legend on page 5.

OCA is monitoring new accounting standards to determine whether changes to or new auditing standards may be necessary.

OCA is monitoring COSO's work in light of the auditor's responsibilities related to internal controls over financial reporting.



Discussion Topic	Status ^{2/}	Discussion Date(s) During the Period
integrated framework		
Confirmation	Issued proposed auditing standard; issued concept release; current standard-setting project	October 2010 October 2009 April 2009
Designing and implementing a system of quality control	Current standard-setting project	October 2010
Assignment and documentation of firm supervisory responsibilities ("Failure to Supervise")	Issued release; current standard- setting project	October 2010
Risk assessment ^{5/}	Adopted Auditing Standard No. 8, Audit Risk; Auditing Standard No. 9, Audit Planning; Auditing Standard No. 10, Supervision of the Audit Engagement; Auditing Standard No. 11, Consideration of Materiality in Planning and Performing an Audit; Auditing Standard No. 12, Identifying and Assessing Risks of Material Misstatement; Auditing Standard No. 13, The Auditor's Responses to the Risks of Material Misstatement; Auditing Standard No. 14, Evaluating Audit Results; Auditing Standard No. 15, Audit Evidence	October 2010 April 2010 October 2009
Broker-dealer audit considerations	Issued proposed auditing standard; current standard-setting project	July 2010
Subsequent events	Current standard-setting project	July 2010

As noted in the OCA Standard-Setting Agenda, OCA focuses on ways to strengthen the applicable auditing standards as they relate to the auditor's responsibility to detect material misstatement due to fraud in its standard-setting activities. For example, the risk assessment standards address the auditor's responsibility for identifying and assessing fraud risks.



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Communications with audit committees	Issued proposed auditing standard; held roundtable; current standard- setting project	July 2010 October 2009
Responsibilities of the principal auditor	Published Staff Audit Practice Alert No. 6, Auditor Considerations Regarding Using the Work of Other Auditors and Engaging Assistants from Outside the Firm; current standard-setting project	April 2010
Fair value measurements	Established Third Party Pricing Sources Task Force; current standard-setting project	October 2009
Use of a specialist	Current standard-setting project	October 2009
Related parties	Current standard-setting project	October 2009
Engagement quality reviews	Published Staff Question and Answer on Auditing Standard No. 7, Engagement Quality Review, Adopted Auditing Standard No. 7, Engagement Quality Review and Conforming Amendment to the Board's Interim Quality Control Standards	April 2009
Improving transparency through disclosure of engagement partner and certain other participants in audits	Issued proposed amendments to PCAOB auditing standards and Form 2; issued concept release on requiring the engagement partner to sign the audit report; current standard-setting project	October 2009 October 2008
Going concern	Current standard-setting project	April 2009
Audit considerations in the current economic environment	Published Staff Audit Practice Alert No. 3, Audit Considerations in the Current Economic Environment	October 2008
Feasibility of audit quality indicators	Not a current standard-setting project ^{6/}	October 2008



Legend

Current standard-setting project	Project on the OCA current standard-setting agenda.
Standard-setting under consideration	OCA is currently considering whether to begin a standard-setting project in this area.
Not a current standard-setting project	OCA does not plan to begin a standard- setting project regarding this topic in the near future.

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OCA is monitoring the work in this area by others, such as the International Organization of Securities Commissions and the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.