

The Policy Committee provides the following information to assist the community in understanding the status of policies in development for the 2008 production year. The charts below indicate policy proposals in progress and policy proposals approved after April 19, 2007, the last date on which the Board approved policies for inclusion in the 2007 version of the *Common Manual*. The Policy Committee hopes this monthly update will assist you in understanding the stages of policy proposal development.

### Policy Proposals in Progress

The Committee has several batches in various stages of progress. As indicated in the charts below, there is a batch on which the comment period recently ended; one just released to the community for comment; and one being sent soon to the Governing Board for consideration at its March meeting.

### Batches Distributed to the Community

Batch Number	Policy Proposals Included	Date Distributed for Comment	Date Comments Due	Date to Submit to Governing Board	Proposed Governing Board Consideration
148	9	January 11	February 1	March 13	March 20
149	17	February 8	February 29	April 10	April 17
150	14	February 29	March 21	April 10	April 17

### Policies Approved, Bulletins Issued

The following chart represents policy changes approved by the Governing Board after April 19, 2007, the cut-off for the last manual update to the ECM and paper-copy update of the manual. These changes will appear in the July 2008 printed and CD versions of the *Common Manual*. Common Bulletin language has been or will be distributed for all of the new policies, as listed below.

Batch Number	Policy Proposal Reference Number(s)	Approved by the Governing Board	Common Bulletin Distribution
142	963 – 965, *967 – 971 & 974	September 20	October 8
143	944, *976 - 978	October 18	October 29
144	979 – 983	November 15	November 26
145	984 - 990	December 20	January 2
146	*992 – 995; 999 - 1001	January 17	January 29
147	*998, *1002 - 1013	February 21	March 5

\* Policy 966 was moved to considered. Policies 972 – 973 were deferred for additional research and consideration.

\* Policy 975 was deferred for additional research and consideration.

\* Policies 991, 996, 997 were deferred for additional research and consideration and are being redistributed in Batch 149.

\* Policy 998 was re-distributed from Batch 147. Proposals 1002, 1003 and 1004 were deferred for additional research and consideration.