

POLICY COMMITTEE TIME LINES January 5, 2010

The Policy Committee provides the following information to assist the community in understanding the status of policies in development for the 2009-2010 production year. The charts below indicate policy proposals in progress since April 16, 2009, the last date on which the Board approved policies for inclusion in the 2009 reprint 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 following table describes the current status of policy proposals that are about to be distributed for comment, have been distributed for comment, and those that are scheduled to be considered at an upcoming Governing Board meeting.

Batch Number	Policy Proposals Included	Date Distributed for Comment	Date Comments Due	Date to Submit to Governing Board	Proposed Governing Board Consideration
164	4	October 30	November 20	January 14	January 21
165	5	November 20	December 11	February 11	February 18
166	7	December 18	January 22*	March 11	March 18
167	Approx. 7	January 8	January 29	March 11	March 18

^{*} Due to what appears to have been a technical issue with the distribution of Batch 166, not all Governing Board members received the batch for review on time. For this reason, the Committee delayed the comment due date on Batch 166 from January 8 to January 22, 2010.

Policies Approved, Bulletins Issued

The following chart represents policy changes approved by the Governing Board after April 16, 2009, the cut-off for the last updates to the ECM and paper-copy of the Manual. These changes will appear in the July 2010 print and CD versions of the *Common Manual*. They will also be incorporated into the Integrated *Common Manual* updates that are posted on the *Common Manual* website each month. Common Bulletin language has been or will be distributed for all of the new policies, as listed below.

Batch Number	Policy Proposal Reference Numbers	Approved by Governing Board	Common Bulletin Distribution
160	1135 – 1141	September 17	September 29
161	1142 – 1147*	October 15	October 26
162	1148 – 1155	November 19	November 30
163	1156 – 1157*	December 17	December 28

^{*}Policy proposals 1146 of Batch 161 and 1158 of Batch 163 were deferred for further research and will be redistributed for community comment in a future batch.