



Minutes of the 347th Meeting of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee

- Date: Tuesday, 21 October 2014 at 8:30 a.m.
- Location: Board Room of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 37/F., Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong.
- Present: Mr. Dennis Ho (Chairman)
Mr. Eric Tong (Deputy Chairman)
Miss. Siu Mai Chow
Mr. Paul Lau
Mr. Patrick Law
Ms. Grace Ma
Dr. Phyllis Mo
Mr. Steve Ong
Mr. Paul Phenix
Mr. Chi Kit Shaw
Ms. Joyce Woo
- In attendance: Mr. Chris Joy, Executive Director
Ms. Selene Ho, Associate Director, Standard Setting
Ms. Phoebe To, Manager, Standard Setting
- Apologies: Mr. Ringo Chiu
Mr. Jonathan Lai
Mr. Thomas Wong

Action

2665. Minutes of the 346th Meeting

The Committee approved and the Deputy Chairman signed the minutes of the 346th meeting on behalf of the Chairman.

2666. Work Plan Status Report and Update from Working Groups

The Committee considered the report and noted progress.

The Standard Setting Department (SSD) reported that there were over 200 attendees at the joint forum on audit quality with the Hong Kong Institute of Directors held on 20 October 2014.

In view of the issuance of the IAASB's revised pronouncements on the auditor's reporting project in January 2015, the Chairman suggested setting up a working group to consider the education plan for the various stakeholders.

The Chairman of the Accountants' Report Sub-Committee reported on the progress of the draft HKSIR 100 and HKSIR 200, and would update the Committee in next meeting after its meeting with key stakeholders in early November 2014.

- 2667. PN 820 (Revised) The Audit of Licensed Corporations and Associated Entities of Intermediaries**
- The Committee considered the changes in PN 820 (Revised) proposed by the Securities Regulatory Liaison Group. The changes arose from the new Companies Ordinance which came into effect on 3 March 2014 as well as other housekeeping changes. The revised PN 820 had also been reviewed by the Working Group on Companies Ordinance (WG).
- A committee member raised an editorial comment regarding the responsibility of legal interpretation of the Securities and Futures Ordinance as stated in PN 820 (Revised). The Committee endorsed the issuance of the exposure draft PN 820 (Revised) for one month comment period. SSD
- [Post meeting note: Exposure draft PN 820 (Revised) was issued for comment period until 1 December 2014 and is available at: http://www.hkicpa.org.hk/file/media/section6_standards/standards/Audit-n-assurance/ed-2014/i2c_edpns.pdf]*
- 2668. PN 830 (Revised) Reports by the Auditor under the Banking Ordinance**
- PN 830 (Revised) had been revised for changes arising from the new Companies Ordinance and reviewed by the Banking Regulatory Liaison Group and the WG.
- The Committee considered and endorsed the issuance of the exposure draft PN 830 (Revised) for one month comment period. SSD
- [Post meeting note: Exposure draft PN 830 (Revised) was issued for comment period until 1 December 2014 and is available at: http://www.hkicpa.org.hk/file/media/section6_standards/standards/Audit-n-assurance/ed-2014/i2c_edpns.pdf]*
- 2669. PN 860.1 (Revised) The Audit of Retirement Schemes**
- PN 860.1 (Revised) had been revised for changes arising from the new Companies Ordinance and reviewed by the Investment Funds Regulatory Liaison Group and the WG.
- The Committee considered and endorsed the issuance of the exposure draft PN 860.1 (Revised) for one month comment period. SSD
- [Post meeting note: Exposure draft PN 860.1 (Revised) was issued for comment period until 1 December 2014 and is available at: http://www.hkicpa.org.hk/file/media/section6_standards/standards/Audit-n-assurance/ed-2014/i2c_edpns.pdf]*
- 2670. Chinese translation of the revised auditor's reports and audit engagement letter resulting from the new Companies Ordinance**
- The Committee noted that the Chinese translation of the revised auditor's reports and audit engagement letter were prepared for providing guidance to the members and they would not form part of the Hong Kong Standards on Auditing.

The Committee endorsed the Chinese translation for posting on the Institute's website. SSD

[Post meeting note: The Chinese translation of the revised auditor's reports and engagement letter were posted on the Institute's website and is available at: <http://www.hkicpa.org.hk/en/standards-and-regulations/standards/auditing-assurance/example-reports/>]

2671. Participation in IAASB's projects

The Executive Director reported that the Institute has confirmed participation in the IAASB's proposed research projects. The coming projects would include revisions to ISA 600 and professional skepticism.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:00 a.m.

DENNIS HO
CHAIRMAN

31 October 2014