

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

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NEWS RELEASE

AAPC Becomes ASIC, FASAB Approves Changes to the Committee's Governing Documents

The chair of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB or “the Board”), George A. Scott, announced today that the Board has agreed to changes in the name, structure, and governance of the Accounting Standards Implementation Committee (ASIC or “the Committee”), formerly the Accounting and Auditing Policy Committee (AAPC).

The FASAB Steering Committee, ASIC members, and the Board have updated the ASIC Charter and Operating Procedures (last updated in 2014) and created a new document called the Statement of Responsibilities and Characteristics of Members of the Accounting Standards Implementation Committee. These updates expanded upon important topics and made other changes intended to provide enhanced procedural clarity.

The most immediately noticeable change is to the name of the Committee. The ASIC’s name now more accurately reflects the Committee’s mission, which is to assist the federal government in improving federal financial reporting by identifying, developing, and recommending timely solutions to address accounting issues within the framework of existing generally accepted accounting principles set forth by FASAB.

Membership of the ASIC is another change. Voting membership was changed to nine members by removing two seats and making the ASIC chair a voting member. The ASIC now consists of nine voting members: two from the chief financial officer community, two from the inspector general community, one each from the three FASAB sponsors, an at-large member, and the FASAB executive director.

The Statement of Responsibilities and Characteristics of the Members of the ASIC addresses the expectations and responsibilities of each ASIC member. Many of these expectations and responsibilities outlined in this new document are similar to those outlined for Board members under the Board’s Statement of Member Responsibilities.

“These updates to the governance documents and structure of the ASIC ensure that the Committee is set up for continued success in support of the Board and achieve the Committee’s mission going forward,” said Chairman Scott.

The updated ASIC Charter and Operating Procedures, and the new Statement of Responsibilities and Characteristics of Members of the Accounting Standards Implementation Committee are available on the [ASIC section](#) of the [FASAB website](#).

ABOUT ASIC

The ASIC (formerly known as the AAPC), is a permanent committee established by FASAB. The mission of the ASIC is to assist the federal government in improving federal financial reporting by identifying, developing, and recommending timely solutions to address accounting issues within the framework of existing generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) set forth by FASAB. The ASIC recommends guidance for applying existing Statements of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFASs), Interpretations of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (Interpretations), and Technical Bulletins (TBs). The ASIC is intended to address issues that arise in implementation that are not specifically or fully discussed in federal accounting standards. The ASIC's guidance is cleared by FASAB before being published.

Additional background information on the ASIC is available from [FASAB's website](#).

ABOUT FASAB

FASAB serves the public interest by improving federal financial reporting through issuing federal financial accounting standards and providing guidance after considering the needs of external and internal users of federal financial information.

Financial reports, which include financial statements prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, are essential for public accountability and for an efficient and effective functioning of our democratic system of government. Thus, the Board plays a major role in fulfilling the government's responsibility to be publicly accountable. Federal financial reports should be useful in assessing (1) the government's accountability and its efficiency and effectiveness and (2) the economic, political, and social consequences, whether positive or negative, of the allocation and various uses of federal resources.

FASAB issues federal accounting standards after following a due process consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding under which it operates. Due process includes consideration of the financial and budgetary information needs of citizens, congressional oversight groups, executive agencies, and the needs of other users of federal financial information.

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