

Meeting Highlights

27 NOVEMBER 2017

1. Register of Interests

The Board noted Agenda Item 1 *Register of Interests*.

2. Project plan for APES GN 30 *Outsourced Services*

The Board noted Agenda Item 2 *Project Plan for APES GN 30 Outsourced Services*.

The Board approved the project plan for the review of APES GN 30 *Outsourced Services*.

3. Project progress: APES 230 *Financial Planning Services*

The Board noted Agenda Item 3 *Project progress: APES 230 Financial Planning Services*.

The Board considered the matters raised by stakeholders in their submissions on the advantages and disadvantages of limiting the method of remuneration in APES 230 to Fee for Service. The Board discussed some stakeholders' proposals for grandfathering and a 3-year transition period to facilitate a transition to Fee for Service.

The Board discussed the progress of APESB's engagement with the relevant stakeholders, including meetings with key officers of these stakeholders. The Board agreed to continue the engagement with the stakeholders and review the findings from this process in 2018.

4. Proposed revision of APES 325 *Risk Management for Firms*

The Board noted Agenda Item 4 *Proposed revision of APES 325 Risk Management for Firms*.

The Board agreed to adopt the proposed changes to APES 325 and approved the issue of the revised APES 325 *Risk Management for Firms* which will be effective from 1 April 2018 with early adoption permitted.

5. Annual reviews of APESB pronouncements

The Board noted Agenda Item 5 *Annual reviews of APESB pronouncements*.

APES 220 Taxation Services

The Board considered the proposed changes to APES 220, particularly the implications of including a guidance paragraph about compliance with the 'spirit of the law'.

The Board requested Technical Staff to consider this matter further and engage with the relevant stakeholders in this regard.

The Board requested Technical Staff to present at the March 2018 Board meeting an Exposure Draft of proposed changes to APES 220.

APES 225 Valuation Services

The Board considered the proposed revisions to APES 225, including the updated proposed example on valuation of intellectual property.

Subject to the incorporation of the proposed revisions, the Board approved the release of an Exposure Draft of proposed revised APES 225 for public comment.

APES GN 41 Management Representations

The Board approved the proposal to undertake a project to update APES GN 41 to incorporate references to NOCLAR and the proposed whistleblowing legislation in 2018.

APES 215/APES 320/APES GN 20/APES GN 21

The Board noted the annual reviews for the other APESB pronouncements. The Board agreed that the matters raised in the annual reviews for APES 215 and APES GN 20 can be addressed in their next revision.

6. International and other activities

The Board noted Agenda Item 6 *International and other activities*.

The Board noted APESB's draft submission to the IESBA relating to the Inducements Exposure Draft due on or before 8 December 2017.

The Board discussed the Monitoring Group's Consultation Paper *Strengthening the Governance and Oversight of the International Audit-Related Standard-Setting Boards in the Public Interest*. The Board considered the implications of the key proposals in the Consultation Paper to the work of APESB. The Board agreed to make a submission in respect of this consultation paper.

The Board was informed of other international developments such as the IESBA's Fees Questionnaire and IFAC's call for nominations to its board and committees.

7. Project update: Long Association Q&A publication

The Board noted Agenda Item 7 *Project update: Long Association Q&A publication*.

The Board noted that the IESBA is expected to consider the final draft of the restructured provisions at its December 2017 meeting. The Board agreed to wait for the outcome of the IESBA's December 2017 meeting before APESB issues the Long Association close-off document and Q&A publication.

The Board requested Technical Staff to explore the potential for a research project on Long Association through engagement with the academic community.

8. Project status update: APES 310 *Dealing with Client Monies*

The Board noted Agenda Item 8 *Project status update: APES 310 Dealing with Client Monies*.

The Board considered the proposed amendments including the split of requirements and guidance between Trust Accounts and Client Monies (alternative format), as well as the draft Information Sheet and template letter for opening Trust Accounts.

In view of comments provided by stakeholders, the Board requested Technical Staff to revise the proposed guidance relating to notification to the Professional Bodies of issues leading to a Member's resignation from an Engagement as an Auditor of Client Monies.

Subject to the inclusion of the proposed amendments to APES 310 and the adoption of the alternative format of the standard, the Board approved the issue of an Exposure Draft on proposed revised APES 310.

The Board was supportive of the format and contents of the Trust Information Sheet and template letter for opening of Trust Accounts, subject to the Technical Staff's final consultation with the ABA and TPB.