

News Release

Help is here for those engaged in personnel evaluations in education – *The Personnel Evaluation Standards*, Second Edition, is now available through Corwin Press.

At its annual meeting, September 25-27, 2008, the Joint Committee on Standards for Educational Evaluation announced the publication of *The Personnel Evaluation Standards*. *The Personnel Evaluation Standards* address four key attributes of evaluation: propriety, utility, feasibility, and accuracy. These statements are the first and only personnel evaluation standards certified as the American National Standards for evaluation of personnel in education by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). *The Personnel Evaluation Standards*, Second Edition, is currently available through the publisher, Corwin Press. The standards statements can also be found on the Joint Committee's Web site at <http://www.wmich.edu/evalctr/jc>

At the annual meeting, an independent validation panel chaired by Marv Alkin reported positively on the *Program Evaluation Standards* revision process. After receiving the validation report and an update on the fourth draft of the standard statements and attribute chapters, the Joint Committee revised the standard statements and voted to approve them with changes. Both the validation panel report and the draft of the Program Evaluation Standards will be posted on the Joint Committee's Web site. Currently, the Program Evaluation Standards task force is engaged in preparing the final draft of the revised book. The goal is for the draft to be completed and approved by the Joint Committee in 2009 with ANSI Certification and publication in 2010.

Also at the September 25-27, 2008, annual meeting, the Joint Committee formally initiated the revision process for *The Student Evaluation Standards*, leading to a second edition. These standards are crucial to sound evaluation practices in our nation's classrooms. The Joint Committee is actively seeking a task force chairperson who will lead the revision process.

The Joint Committee will be sponsoring a national conference on *The Student Evaluation Standards* and the use of those standards as a benchmarking tool for teachers, principals, and others interested in improving their student evaluation practices. The National Science Foundation (NSF) provided funding for the conference. The conference will take place in Alexandria, Virginia, on February 23 and 24, 2009. For further information about the conference, please contact Arlen Gullickson at arlen.gullickson@wmich.edu

The important role of sponsoring organizations was also highlighted at the Joint Committee meeting. The American Psychological Association (APA) served as host for the meeting at its national headquarters located in Washington, DC. The American Educational Research Association (AERA) has volunteered to host next year's Joint Committee meeting in Washington, D.C. The Joint Committee will continue to take proactive steps to begin increasing both organizational and school level involvement in the dissemination of the standards.

The chair's annual address to the Joint Committee and the minutes of the annual meeting will be posted on the Joint Committee's Web site at <http://www.wmich.edu/evalctr/jc>