Background

We have committed to review the GIPS® standards every five years, with the next review date being 2010.

Scope

The review of the Standards includes three tasks:

1. Editorial review of existing standards
2. Review of recommendations to determine if any should be upgraded to requirements
3. Review of future effective dates to determine feasibility

Additional activities are on-going and could, if ready, be included with the next version of the Standards. This includes information regarding performance reporting to existing clients, alternative investment strategies, risk, and other potential topics.

The Interpretations Subcommittee will provide the first draft of suggested changes by reviewing the three areas mentioned above, with the exception of verification, which will be addressed by the Verification/Practitioner Subcommittee. The Executive Committee will review the draft before circulating it for public comment. Under the auspices of the Promotion and Awareness Subcommittee, two other working groups are in the process of being formed to review Private Equity and Real Estate respectively. Paul Saint Pierre will chair the Real Estate Working Group and Jesse Reyes will chair the Private Equity Working Group.

Timeline

In order to meet the 2010 deadline, work on the review should be completed by 1 January 2010, with an effective date of 1 January 2011. This means that proposed changes should go out for public comment by 1 January 2009. This will provide enough time for the industry to provide feedback and time for the EC to consider the comments received and make changes as necessary. Any changes to future effective dates should be released as soon as possible to allow the industry time to prepare and/or adjust.