

# Standards Committee Update

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The Standards Committee met on November 19 and December 1, 2003. The purposes of this committee are to review and summarize best practice in education evaluation, to recommend a single set of standards and criteria for contracted staff, and to recommend a professional growth system.



The Standards Committee has a web page under “Staff Information” on the Grant Wood AEA web site. You can find more information about the committee and it’s work there. Please contact any committee member with suggestions. Thank you.

Considerable time was spent discussing comments and questions received from other staff members. These ranged from “I’m glad we’re finally looking into this” to “I vote for no change.” A frequent question was “How can a single set of standards and criteria be possible when our disciplines are so different?” The answer is that the standards and criteria will be developed to reflect the *essential professional behaviors* that lead to the achievement of Agency goals. For more information about this or other questions, please see the FAQ section on the Standards Committee web page. You are also encouraged to contact your representative or any committee member.



The Standards Committee again examined several articles describing current best practice in education evaluation. Main points were identified and discussed for inclusion in a summary paper to be presented to the Executive Team and the Board of Directors in January 2004. It will also be made available to contracted staff.

Examples of a number of standards from a variety of areas were distributed. Members of the committee will continue to search for examples from their discipline. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

*Please contact* your representative or any committee member with ideas, examples, resources, questions or concerns. The next committee meeting is December 17. Thank you.

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