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TO: NACUA Board of Directors

FROM: Nancy Tribbensee, Chair, Committee on Web Page Legal Resources
Karl F. Brevitz, Staff Liaison

DATE: October 16, 2009

SUBJECT: November 2009 Report, Committee on Web Page Legal Resources

Charge to the Committee

The Committee will be familiar with the legal resources available to members on the NACUA webpage and, in consultation with staff, will consider possible enhancements to those resources and possible new web-based legal resources that would be beneficial for NACUA.

Work Plan for 2009 - 2010

1. Review current web page legal resources and discuss any possible ways of enhancing utility, organization or content of current resources for members.
2. In particular, review current resources that include sample forms, documents, policies and agreements and discuss possible methods of further adding to or improving content of these resources, including targeted appeals to NACUA members.
3. Discuss ideas for possible new types of legal resources to add to the web page.
4. Review and comment on any new legal resources added to the web page.

The Committee held its first conference call of the year on September 29. During the call Committee members reviewed the current array of legal resources available on the NACUA web page, and then turned its attention to the [Forms, Documents and Agreements](#) section of the web page.

This section of the web page contains two components: the [on-line NACUA Contract Formbook](#) and the [Sample Documents Guide](#) (comprised of links to sample documents from NACUA annual conference and CLE workshop outlines and documents from other sources [for example, those submitted in response to NACUANET inquiries or directly to NACUA]). There was discussion of how members could be encouraged to share more of their documents and agreements with NACUA so that they could be available to all members via the web page. It was decided to form a Subcommittee on Document Appeals with this charge:

“Members of the subcommittee will individually or collectively make periodic appeals to the full membership, via NACUANET or other means, to share specific documents, or documents generally, with NACUA so that they may be added to NACUA's on-line collection of documents and thus made available to all NACUA members in either original or redacted form. Members of the subcommittee will suggest specific documents or types of documents that will be the subject of appeals.”

The committee also discussed other possible enhancements to legal resources or services via the web page. Several of these may be possible through the professional networking platform the staff is exploring, including:

1. A page devoted to proposed federal regulations affecting higher education, with the capacity for threaded discussion by interested members.
2. NACUA wikis where members could share knowledge on various topics by continually updating pages devoted to those topics.

Other suggestions included compiling a list of General Counsel web pages (a simple list with links currently resides on the General Counsel Resource page: [Links to General Counsel Homepages](#)) and links to pre-formed Google searches for documents in the .edu domain (a [set of searches](#) developed by a NACUA member currently resides on the [consolidated research page](#)).

The committee will continue to explore ways to enrich the scope and number of sample documents and agreements available to members via the NACUA web page and other ways to enhance the array of web page legal resources.