

THE WASHINGTON POST COMPANY

AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER (as amended and restated effective March 4, 2004)

Purpose

The primary function of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of The Washington Post Company is assisting the Board in fulfilling its responsibility for overseeing (i) the integrity of the Company's financial statements, (ii) the qualifications and independence of the Company's independent accountants, and (iii) the performance of the Company's internal audit staff and independent accountants.

The Committee is to exercise its business judgment in carrying out the responsibilities described in this Charter in a manner the Committee members believe to be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

In carrying out its functions, the Committee shall independently and objectively (i) monitor management's conduct of the Company's financial reporting process (including development and maintenance of systems of internal accounting and financial and disclosure controls), (ii) review and appraise the audit efforts of the Company's independent accountants and internal audit staff, (iii) ensure open, ongoing communications concerning the Company's financial position and affairs between and among the Board and/or its representatives and the independent accountants, the Company's financial and senior management and the Company's internal audit staff, (iv) review the Company's policies and compliance procedures regarding ethics and business conduct, (v) prepare the required Audit Committee Report for inclusion in the annual proxy statement, and (vi) report regularly to the Board regarding the execution of its duties.

Membership

The Committee shall consist of at least three directors, who shall be appointed by the Board from among its members in accordance with the By-Laws of the Company and who shall meet the independence and experience requirements of the New York Stock Exchange and any other applicable laws or regulations and who shall be subject to removal by the Board. Each member of the Committee shall be "financially literate" or will become "financially literate" within a reasonable period of time after appointment to the Committee. The determination of any member's qualifications to serve on the Committee shall be made by the Board in keeping with the applicable requirements of the New York Stock Exchange.

Advisors

The Committee may obtain advice, assistance and investigative support from outside legal, accounting or other advisors as it deems appropriate to perform its duties and the Company shall provide appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, for any such advisors. The Committee may request any officer or employee of the Company, including its affiliates, or the Company's outside counsel or independent accountants to attend a meeting of the Committee or to meet with any members of, or consultants to, the Committee.

Meetings

The Board shall designate one person of the Committee to act as its chairperson. The Committee shall meet in person or telephonically at least quarterly at such times and places determined by the Committee chairperson, with further meetings to occur, or actions to be taken by unanimous written consent, when deemed necessary or desirable by the Committee or its chairperson.

The Committee shall maintain independence both in establishing its agenda and directly accessing management of the Company and its subsidiaries. Annually, the Committee will reassess the adequacy of this charter, evaluate its performance and report these and other actions to the Board with any recommendations. The format of the self-assessment shall be determined by the Committee.

Compensation

No member of the Committee may receive, directly or indirectly, any compensation from the Company other than (i) fees paid to directors for service on the Board, (ii) fees paid to directors for service on a committee of the Board (including the Audit Committee) and (iii) a pension or other deferred compensation for prior service that is not contingent on future service on the Board.

Responsibilities and Duties

It is the responsibility of management of the Company to develop and maintain systems of internal accounting and financial controls and to prepare the Company's financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. It is the responsibility of the independent accountants to plan and perform an audit of the Company's financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The Committee's role is one of oversight. The Committee shall make regular reports to the Board. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee's

practices and policies should remain flexible in order for the Committee to respond to changing facts and circumstances.

Among the activities in carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee shall undertake the following:

Independent Accountants

- Sole authority and direct responsibility for the retention, compensation, termination and oversight of the work of the Company's independent accountants. The independent accountants are accountable to the Committee and the Board. The Committee shall approve the audit engagement fees and pre-approve any non-audit services to be provided by the independent accountants. The authority for such approval and preapproval may be delegated to one or more members of the Committee.
- Review and discuss with the independent accountants any relationships or services that may impact their objectivity and independence and taking appropriate action in response to the independent accountants' report to satisfy the Committee of the accountants' independence.
- Review with the independent accountants any material written communications between the independent accountants and management, including any audit problems or difficulties with management's response.
- Ensure that rotation of the independent accountants' audit partners satisfies regulatory requirements and set policies about hiring current or former employees of the independent accountants.
- Discuss with the independent accountants (i) their internal quality control procedures, (ii) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality control review, PCAOB review, peer review or regulatory inquiry within the preceding five years, and (iii) all relationships between the independent accountants and the Company, including the matters covered by Independence Standards Board (ISB) Standard No. 1.*
 - Meet regularly and separately with the independent accountants in executive sessions.

* Under Independence Standards Board Standard Number 1, at least annually, the independent accountants must: (a) disclose to the Audit Committee, in writing, all relationships between the independent accountants and their related entities and the Company and its related entities that in the auditor's professional judgment may reasonably be thought to bear on independence; (b) confirm in the letter that, in its professional judgment, it is independent of the Company within the meaning of the Acts; and (c) discuss the auditor's independence with the Audit Committee.

Financial Statements

- Review with management and the independent accountants the annual audited financial statements and quarterly financial statements prior to filing, including the Company's disclosures in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations", the Company's earnings announcements prior to release, and the results of the independent accountants' reviews. The Committee may delegate to one or more members of the Committee the review of the earnings announcements.
- Review critical accounting policies, financial reporting and accounting standards and principles, including any changes in the selection or application of accounting principles and alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles. Review key accounting decisions affecting the Company's financial statements, including the effect of regulatory or accounting initiatives, on the Company's financial statements. The review shall include the rationales for such choices and possible alternatives.
- Review the Company's financial reporting process, including disclosure controls and procedures, internal controls and procedures, any significant control deficiencies or material weaknesses, any fraud involving management or others significantly involved in the Company's internal controls and procedures, and the independent accountants' attestation of management's internal control report.
- Review any disclosure of significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls.

Internal Audit

- Review the performance of the internal audit department, the proposed audit plans for the coming year and the results of internal audits.
- Review the qualifications of the head of the Company's internal audit department.

Communications

- Obtain reports from management and the Company's head of internal audit relating to the Company and its subsidiaries and foreign affiliates being in conformity with applicable legal requirements and Company codes of business conduct and ethics.
- Review the Company's policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management.
- Meet regularly and separately the management of the Company (specifically, on an individual basis with the chief financial officer and the head of internal audit in separate executive sessions).
- Establish procedures for review and handling complaints or concerns received by the Company regarding accounting, internal audit controls or auditing matters, including enabling employees to submit concerns confidentially and anonymously.

Legal and Compliance

- Review procedures and compliance processes pertaining to corporate ethics and standards of business conduct as embodied in applicable Company codes of business conduct and ethics.
- Prepare the report required by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission to be included in the Company's annual proxy statement.

Committee Authority

The Committee may exercise such other powers and authority as the Board may, from time to time, confer upon it. The Committee may diverge from the above list of responsibilities, as appropriate, if circumstances or regulatory requirements change. In addition to these activities, the Committee will perform such other function as necessary or appropriate under law, NYSE rules, the Company's certificate of incorporation and by-laws and the resolutions and other directives of the Board.