RESOLUTION

Establishing a plan for the annual review of the Legal Services Corporation Inspector General

WHEREAS,

The Governance and Performance Review Committee of the Board of the Legal Services Corporation (hereafter referred to as “the Committee”) has the responsibility of performing an annual performance review of the Inspector General (IG) of the Corporation, and

WHEREAS,

The LSC board understands the crucial requirement to respect and promote the independence of the IG so that the IG can fulfill his or her role properly and without undue interference, and

WHEREAS,

Nothing in this memo or in any action or question from or by the LSC board or its committees should impede the independence of the IG; and

WHEREAS,

The board should undertake a review of the IG’s annual work in keeping with this commitment to independence and to the IG’s own commitment to accountability; and

WHEREAS,

We note with appreciation the stated management and practice philosophy embraced by Jeffrey Schanz in his role as IG: the “Three C’s”: Communication, Cooperation, and Coordination, and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

In the spirit of that philosophy, the Committee will annually review the annual report, workplan, and comments on the workplan to be supplied by the Inspector General, and to meet with the Inspector General to explore his/her thoughts about strengths and areas that could use improvement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Committee will ask the IG to consider developing his/her own methods for obtaining feedback and assessment from the Office of the Inspector General staff and those who work with that office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

That the conversation with the IG will include these topics:

1) Including prevention (of defalcations, inefficiencies) in the goals of the work on grantees;
2) Time-frame for undertaking and completing reports and for sharing them with LSC staff and responding to LSC responses;
3) Communication and avoiding surprises, minimizing disruption to the primary work of the Agency (see relationship principles from OMB, attached, and available http://www.oig.lsc.gov/org/OIGWorking.pdf); and
4) Top priorities for improvement in the coming year.
Adopted by the Board of Directors
On January 28, 2011

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