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1. The Supervision Guidelines Sub-committee of the COE has completed a fourth draft of "Guidelines for Supervision: Teaching, Research, Practice and Administration." This draft is currently being distributed for focused consultation before submitting it to the Board for approval in principle in June, followed by distribution to the CPA membership at large for consultation.
2. The Committee is continuing to prepare Code Interpretations on the following topics, with expected completion by June 2008:
 - a. Psychological services to clients making end-of-life decisions. (A first draft of this Code Interpretation was discussed by the Committee on Ethics at its 2007 annual meeting.)
 - b. "Ethical Guidelines for Psychologists Providing Psychological Services via Electronic Media." Although approved in principle by the Board, when circulated for consultation, there was concern that the guidelines were "too prescriptive"; however, enquiries continue to come in from CPA members. The guidelines will be re-written and re-circulated for consultation as a Code Interpretation.
 - c. Use of titles and designations. This is an outstanding topic that did not seem to call for a set of guidelines. A brief Code Interpretation on this topic is being prepared.
3. Work continues on the development of an ethics page/section for the CPA website.
4. At the request of Dr. Peter Bieling, the Committee is in the process of drafting a form for CPA Publications for authors to certify that they have complied with CPA ethical principles in the conduct of the research presented in their submissions.
5. From its launch in May of 2006 to February 2008, 60 persons have registered for the CPA web-based ethics course "Being an Ethical Psychologist."
6. The Committee continued to respond to requests for consultation/advice/ information from persons directed to the Chair by CPA head office.

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