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1. Based on feedback at the Committee's annual meeting in June, a subcommittee has almost completed its work on the fourth draft of "Guidelines for Supervision: Teaching, Research, Practice and Administration." This draft will be made available for focused consultation before submitting it to the Board for approval in principle and distribution to the CPA membership at large for consultation.
2. The concept of "Code Interpretations" as an alternative to "Guidelines" for some topics/issues gained wide support from Committee members at the COE annual meeting and from CPA members who attended the Ethics Update presentation at the convention. The following topics are being prepared in this format:
 - 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 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. From its launch in May of 2006 to September 2007, 47 persons have registered for the CPA web-based ethics course "Being an Ethical Psychologist."
5. The Committee responded to several requests for consultation/advice/ information from persons directed to the Chair by CPA head office.

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