

## Updated Guiding Principles FAQs

**1. Q: When is the Vote?**

A: July 5, 2018

**2. Q: How will the vote occur?**

A: During the Board elections process, through the same platform.

**3. Q: Can you talk a little bit more about the differences between the Guiding Principles for Evaluators and the Joint Committee Program Evaluation Standards?**

A: The Guiding Principles pertain to the ethical conduct of the evaluator while the Standards pertain to quality of an evaluation. The Evaluation Standards go into a level of detail that is much greater than the briefer statement of the Guiding Principles. The Guiding Principles are owned by AEA while the Program Evaluation Standards are owned by the Joint Committee.

**4. Q: Will a tracked changes version be available to show the changes?**

A: On the website, there is a table that includes the old version of the Guiding Principles side by side with the updated version to easily see what was changed. The reason a tracked changes version was not made available instead is because there was some shifting around the order of the principles in other places within the document.

**5. Q: Are there any future plans for the Guiding Principles?**

A: The Guiding Principles will be voted on by the members in July and will be rolled out by Evaluation 2018. At Evaluation 2018, we will be hosting a session to share the updated Guiding Principles and to gather ideas for next steps and the working group.

**6. Q: Have you compared these principles with other ethical guidelines from other professional organizations?**

A: These were compared to other evaluation professional associations as we went along. There was a look at some professional associations' ethical guidelines that were not necessarily evaluation associations.

**7. Q: Will you create a ready-made presentation like you have for the current curriculum?**

A: On the website, you can find a training tool kit for the old version of the Guiding Principles that you can use to train colleagues and budding evaluation practitioners. There will be a new AEA Working Group dedicated to developing new ways to implement the updated Guiding Principles, including the possibility of a revised tool kit and other resources to promote learning and use of the Guiding Principles.



- 8. Q. Were the TIGs consulted during the review and updating of the Guiding Principles?**
- A. We kept in touch with the TIG leaders and Local Affiliate leaders through their conference call meetings and invited them at various times to be involved with the review. We invited the TIG leaders to represent their TIG at various points in the review process; some involved TIG members directly in the review and comment. Similarly, Local Affiliate leaders were invited to review the draft of the updated Guiding Principles.