GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

CHARTER

The responsibilities of the Governance Committee of each Fund include:

- Recommending to the Board of Directors of the Fund the slate of nominees for Independent Directors to be elected (including any Directors to be elected to fill vacancies). The Committee will evaluate candidates’ qualifications for Board membership and their independence from management and principal service providers. Persons selected must be independent in terms of both the letter and the spirit of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Rules, Regulations and Forms under the Act. The Committee also will consider the effect of any relationships beyond those delineated in the 1940 Act that might impair independence, such as business, financial or family relationships with Fund managers or service providers.

- Interviewing (which will be done by the Committee Chair and at least one other member of the Committee) any candidates (Independent and Interested) whom the Committee anticipates recommending to the Board of Directors for service on the Board. The Committee will not consider any candidate for an Independent Director who i) has served as an officer or director of the Fund’s manager, investment adviser, principal underwriter or any affiliate thereof during the preceding ten years, or ii) is a close family member of an employee, officer or interested Director of any Fund or its affiliates.

- Reviewing the independence of Independent Directors then serving on the Fund Board. An otherwise Independent Director who served as an officer or director of the Fund’s manager, investment adviser, principal underwriter or any affiliate thereof will not be deemed independent, unless ten years have elapsed since he or she severed all such affiliations. No close family member of an employee, officer or interested Director of any Fund or its affiliates will be deemed independent.

- Reviewing, annually, the composition of each Committee of the Board.

- Recommending, as appropriate, to the Board the Independent Directors to be selected for membership on the various Board Committees.

- Reviewing the composition of the Board of Directors to determine whether it may be appropriate to add individuals with different backgrounds or skills from those already on the Board.
• Reporting annually to the Board on whether the Audit Committee has at least one Audit Committee Financial Expert.

• Assisting the Board Chair with the development of Board meeting agendas.

• Reviewing each Director’s beneficial ownership of Fund shares. The Committee will encourage each Director, to the extent it is financially suitable, to maintain investments, either directly or beneficially, in the Funds (or other funds advised by the Funds’ investment adviser) that are equal to the aggregate fees for one year that he or she receives for Board-related service to the Funds.

• Being available to assist the Board of Directors in evaluating the quality of Director participation on the Board, which may be measured, in part, by factors such as attendance and contributions at Board meetings and by a review of responses to the annual Board Assessment Questionnaire. The Committee will review, with the Board Chair, the summary of responses to the Board Assessment Questionnaire and report those responses to the full Board. A Director automatically will be ineligible for re-nomination to the Board, and the Board will request his or her resignation, if for health or any other reason the individual fails to participate, over any eighteen-month period, in (1) three consecutive regularly scheduled in-person meetings of the Board or (2) four in-person meetings of the Board.

• Recommending to the Board a successor to the Board Chair or the Board Vice Chair, as applicable, at the expiration of a term or when a vacancy occurs.

• Developing an annual education calendar that details the topics to be addressed in the Board’s quarterly education sessions. The educational calendar for a year will be presented to the full Board at its first quarterly meeting of that year. The Committee Chair, in consultation with the Board Chair, may make adjustments to the educational calendar during the year as appropriate due to industry or regulatory developments or other factors.

• Monitoring the attendance by each Independent Director at no less than one educational seminar, conference or similar meeting per year, in accordance with Board expectations. Any Director who wishes to attend an educational seminar, conference or similar meeting must obtain the consent of the Board Chair before registering for or incurring expenses in connection with that educational seminar, conference or meeting.

• Developing and conducting orientation sessions for any new Independent Directors before or shortly after the new Director joins the Board.
• In collaboration with outside counsel and as required by law or deemed advisable by the Committee, developing policies and procedures addressing matters which should come before the Committee in the proper exercise of its duties.

• Reviewing, at least annually, the Board’s adherence to industry “best practices.”

• Reviewing Director compliance with the policy encouraging Directors to provide, when feasible, at least six months’ notice before resigning from the Board.

• Reviewing Director compliance with the requirement that a Director must retire from Board service by December 31 of the year in which he or she reaches the age of 75.

• Reviewing and making recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning Director compensation and expenses, including:

  – annual Director fees;

  – supplemental compensation for Committee service;

  – supplemental compensation for serving as a Committee Chair;

  – Board or Committee meeting attendance fees; and

  – expense reimbursement.

• Annually reviewing and, as appropriate, recommending changes to its Charter