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## SAGE Certification Update

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The SAGE Certification project is moving forward thanks to the hard work of many.

The Exam Development committee met in April at the HumRRO offices outside Washington, DC. Members of the Committee reviewed all the questions written up to that point. After an intense discussion of tasks and procedures, the Committee decided to establish regional teams (North East, Central and West Coast) to tackle the balance of the questions to be written. Portions of the material to be covered were assigned to each regional group for completion. The committee will meet again at Harvard University in August to complete the first draft of the item bank.

The Policy Committee has been convening monthly teleconferences. Topics that have been discussed recently include governance and leadership, project management, fundraising, and policies. Lois Bennett has agreed to chair the Policy committee. The Policy Committee will serve as an interim Governing Board until an actual Board can be recruited.

Over the next 6-9 months, the Policy Committee and staff will work with two consultants to accomplish the following activities:

- Development of the Policies and Procedures
- Identification and procurement of testing vendor
- Fund-raising
- Marketing/branding/public relations

- Identification and relationship building with training partners

One consultant, Michael Hamm, will be helping us develop policies and procedures. The other, Stacy Gildenston, will help us with several tasks, including finding a testing vendor, fund-raising, marketing, branding, and public relations.

## 2000 SAGE System Administrator Salary Survey Now Available

The results of the 2000 SAGE System Administrator Salary profile are now available on the web at [http://www.usenix.org/sage/jobs/salary\\_survey/](http://www.usenix.org/sage/jobs/salary_survey/). Thanks to the more than 5,200 system administrators who participated in the survey, making this the most comprehensive survey yet. This year's survey results include more information about consultants as well as system administrators from outside the United States.