#### **CBS CORPORATION**

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### Purpose

The Audit Committee is established by the Board of Directors for the purpose of overseeing the accounting and financial reporting processes of the Company and audits of the financial statements of the Company.

The Committee is responsible for assisting the Board's oversight of (1) the quality and integrity of the Company's financial statements and related disclosure, (2) the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting and risk management, (3) the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (4) the independent auditor's qualifications and independence, and (5) the performance of the Company's internal audit function and independent auditors.

#### **Composition**

- 1. <u>Members</u>. The Committee shall consist of as many members as the Board, in consultation with the Committee itself, shall determine, but in any event not fewer than three members. The members of the Committee shall be appointed annually by the Board, taking into account the recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board.
- 2. <u>Qualifications</u>. Each member of the Committee shall meet all applicable independence, financial literacy and other requirements of law and the New York Stock Exchange. The Committee shall have at least one member with financial expertise necessary to meet the requirements of the New York Stock Exchange and who either falls within the definition of "audit committee financial expert" as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission or who, in the business judgment of the Board, is capable of serving the functions expected of such an audit committee financial expert.
- 3. <u>Chair</u>. The Chair of the Committee shall be elected by the Board, taking into account the recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board.
- 4. <u>Removal and Replacement</u>. The members of the Committee may be removed or replaced, and any vacancies on the Committee shall be filled, by the Board, taking into account the recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board.

#### **Operations**

1. <u>Meetings</u>. The Chair of the Committee, in consultation with the Committee members, shall determine the schedule and frequency of the Committee meetings, provided that the Committee shall meet at least five times per year. The

Committee shall meet separately, periodically, with management (including the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer), the General Counsel and the internal auditors. The Committee shall also meet separately with the independent auditor as frequently as either the Committee or the independent auditor shall request, but in any event at least four times each year. The Chair of the Committee will determine in advance of each meeting whether non-Committee members may attend the meeting. The Chair of the Committee shall also determine whether participation in the meeting by teleconference or videoconference will be permitted.

- 2. <u>Agenda</u>. The Chair of the Committee shall develop and approve the Committee's agenda, in consultation, as appropriate, with other members of the Committee. Each member of the Board and members of management are free to suggest the inclusion of items on the agenda. The agenda and information concerning the business to be conducted at each Committee meeting shall, to the extent practical, be provided to the members of the Committee sufficiently in advance of each meeting to permit meaningful review.
- 3. <u>Report to Board</u>. The Committee shall report regularly to the entire Board and shall submit to the Board the minutes of its meetings.
- 4. <u>Self-Evaluation; Assessment of Charter</u>. The Committee shall conduct an annual performance self-evaluation and shall report to the entire Board the results of the self-evaluation. The Committee shall assess the adequacy of this Charter at least every other year, or more frequently as the Committee may determine, and recommend any changes to the Board.

# Authority and Duties

# Independent Auditor's Qualifications and Independence

- 1. The Committee shall be directly responsible for the appointment, retention, termination, compensation and oversight of the work of the independent auditor employed by the Company (including resolution of disagreements between management and the independent auditor regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work. The independent auditor shall report directly to the Committee.
- 2. The Committee shall have the sole authority to preapprove all audit services, including services relating to internal control over financial reporting, and permitted non-audit services to be provided by the independent auditor. The Committee shall also have the sole authority to preapprove all audit services to be provided by any accounting firm. The Committee may, at its discretion, form and delegate to subcommittees consisting of one or more members the authority to grant such preapprovals, provided that the decisions of such subcommittee shall be reported to the full Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

- 3. The Committee shall obtain and review with the lead audit partner and, if the Committee deems it appropriate, a more senior representative of the independent auditor, annually or more frequently as the Committee considers appropriate, a report by the independent auditor describing: the independent auditor's internal quality-control procedures; any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the independent auditor, or by any inquiry, review or investigation by governmental or professional or other regulatory authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting independent audits carried out by the independent auditor, and any steps taken to deal with these issues; and to assess the independent auditor's independence, all relationships between the independent auditor and the Company. The Committee shall review with the lead audit partner whether any of the senior audit team members receive any discretionary compensation from the audit firm with respect to non-audit services performed by the independent auditor.
- 4. The Committee shall review the experience, qualifications, rotation requirements and performance of the senior members of the independent auditor team.
- 5. The Committee's policy on the Company's hiring of employees and former employees of the independent auditor is that the Committee shall preapprove the hiring of any employee or former employee of the independent auditor who was a member of the Company's audit team during the preceding three fiscal years. In addition, the Committee shall preapprove the hiring of any employee or former employee (within the preceding three fiscal years) of the independent auditor for senior positions within the Company, regardless of whether that person was a member of the Company's audit team.

# Financial Statements and Related Disclosure

- 6. The Committee shall review and discuss the annual audited financial statements and quarterly financial statements with management and the independent auditor, including reviewing the Company's specific disclosures under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," before the filing of the Company's Form 10-K and Form 10-Qs.
- 7. The Committee shall discuss generally with management earnings press releases, as well as financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies. The Committee (or a subcommittee thereof) shall review and discuss with management earnings press releases before they are issued.
- 8. The Committee shall discuss with management and the independent auditor: (a) all critical accounting policies and practices to be used by the Company in preparing its financial statements, including any significant changes in the Company's selection or application of accounting principles, (b) all alternative treatments of financial information within GAAP that have been discussed with management, ramifications of the use of these alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the independent auditor, and (c) other

material communications between the independent auditor and management, such as any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences. In addition, the Committee shall review with the independent auditor any audit problems or difficulties and management's response.

- 9. The Committee shall review with management, and any outside professionals as the Committee considers appropriate, the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures.
- 10. The Committee shall review with management, and any outside professionals as the Committee considers appropriate, important trends and developments in financial reporting practices and requirements and their effect on the Company's financial statements.
- 11. The Committee shall review and approve the report required by the Securities and Exchange Commission to be included in the Company's annual proxy statement.

# Performance of the Internal Audit Function and Independent Auditors

- 12. The Committee shall review with management, the internal auditor and the independent auditor the scope, planning and staffing of the proposed audit for the current year. The Committee shall also review the internal audit function's organization, responsibilities, plans, results, budget and staffing. In addition, the Committee shall review and advise on the appointment, replacement, reassignment, dismissal and compensation of the principal internal auditor.
- 13. The Committee shall review with management, the internal auditor and the independent auditor the quality, adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, including reports regarding (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting and (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal control over financial reporting and discuss the appropriate corrective action.
- 14. The Committee shall review and discuss with management, the internal auditor and the independent auditor management's annual assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting and the independent auditor's report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.
- 15. The Committee shall review and discuss the Company's policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management.

# Compliance with Legal and Regulatory Requirements

16. The Committee shall review with management, and any internal or external counsel as the Committee considers appropriate, any legal matters (including the

status of pending litigation) that may have a material impact on the Company and any material reports or inquiries from regulatory or governmental agencies.

- 17. The Committee shall review with the General Counsel the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's procedures to ensure compliance with its legal and regulatory responsibilities.
- 18. The Committee shall oversee the Company's compliance program and shall obtain periodic reports from the Chief Compliance Officer on compliance matters. The Chief Compliance Officer shall have direct access to the Committee on compliance matters. The Committee shall establish procedures for (a) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and (b) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.
- 19. The Committee shall obtain reports from management, the internal auditor and the independent auditor regarding compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

# Funding

20. The Company will provide the funding the Audit Committee determines is necessary to (i) compensate the independent auditor for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work, (ii) compensate any advisors the Audit Committee determines to retain and (iii) pay for any ordinary administrative expenses that are necessary and appropriate for the Audit Committee to carry out its duties.

The foregoing list of duties is not exhaustive, and the Committee may, in addition, perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate for the performance of its oversight function. The Committee has the power to delegate its authority and duties to subcommittees or individual members of the Committee as it deems appropriate. In discharging its oversight role, the Committee shall have full access to the Company's senior management and employees and all Company books, records and facilities. The Committee may retain outside counsel, auditors or other advisors, in its sole discretion.

# Clarification of Audit Committee's Role

The Committee's responsibility is one of oversight. It is the responsibility of the Company's management to prepare the consolidated financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations and of the Company's independent auditor to audit those financial statements. Therefore, each member of the Committee shall be entitled to rely, to the fullest extent permitted by law, on the integrity of those persons and organizations within and outside the Company from whom he or she receives information, and the accuracy of the financial and other information provided to the Committee by such persons or organizations.