At its February 2000 retreat, the Academy Board of Trustees authorized the establishment of a Standing Panel on Social Equity. The charter of this panel is to:

1. review and evaluate developments in public administration, including existing and emerging issues and problems, new ideas and current opinions, significant research and research needs, institutional development, and critical matters in social equity and governance in need of attention;

2. provide general guidance and evaluation of related problem-solving project activities of the Academy relating to social equity and governance;

3. inform the Academy membership of important developments in social equity and governance;

4. initiate or sponsor educational meetings to communicate with a wider portion of the public administration community;

5. prepare papers on social equity and governance of public release, when judged appropriate;

6. serve as a forum where interested Fellows can interact with each other to learn about issues and development in social equity and governance;

7. serve as a means of identifying ideas, issues, and projects in social equity and governance;

8. provide or recommend witnesses, and/or draft or review testimony, for congressional hearings related to social equity and governance.