





The Accreditation Liaison What is My Role?

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COA's Structure and People

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COA and ABHE

- Commission is independent/separate from Association
- Leadership: ABHE President / COA Executive Director
- Oversight/support: ABHE Board / Commission on Accreditation
- Membership input: Presidents' Congress / Delegate Assembly

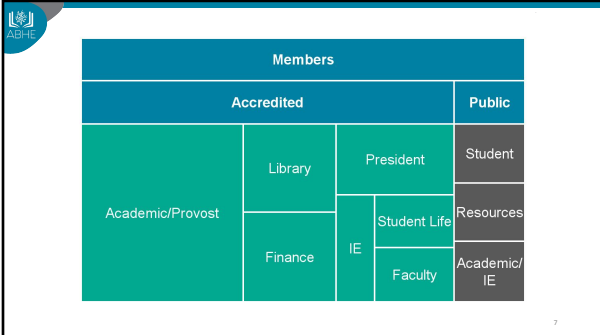
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COA's Makeup

- 14-21 Commissioners
 - 12-18 from accredited institutions
 - 2-3 public representatives (at least 1 ministry practitioner)
 - 1 student representative

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COA and COA Staff

Commission

Leadership

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary

Members

- Commissioners

Commission Staff

Leadership (all CSRs)

- Executive Director
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director/SC Officer

Staff

- Commission Staff Representative
- Accreditation Services Staff (2)

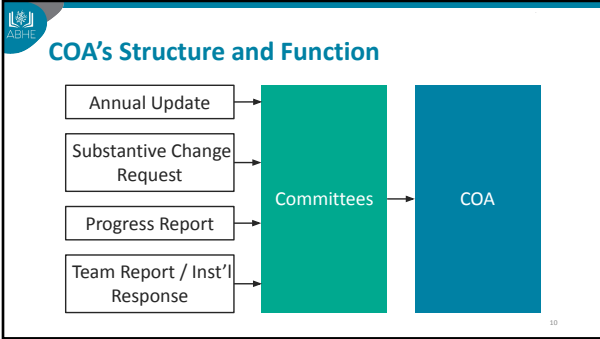
Accreditation Cycle

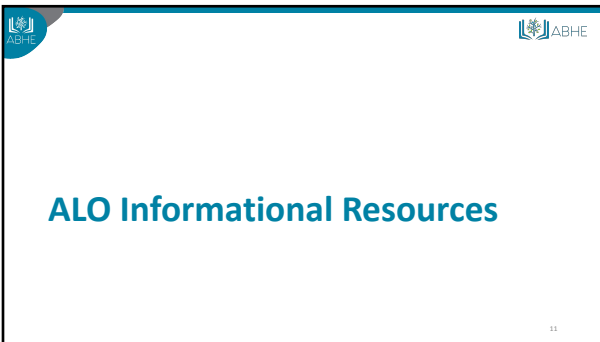
Initial

- Applicant
 - 4-5 years
 - Site visit for candidacy
- Candidate
 - 4-5 years
 - Site visit for accreditation
- Initial Accreditation
 - 5 years, typically

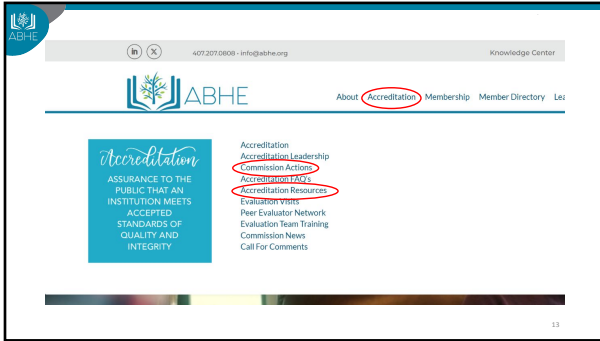
Ongoing

- Self-studies and site visits
 - Typically every 10 years
- Annual updates
 - A range of required data + audit
 - Fall
- Progress reports
 - Often following up a site visit or annual update
- Substantive changes
 - As needed per policy

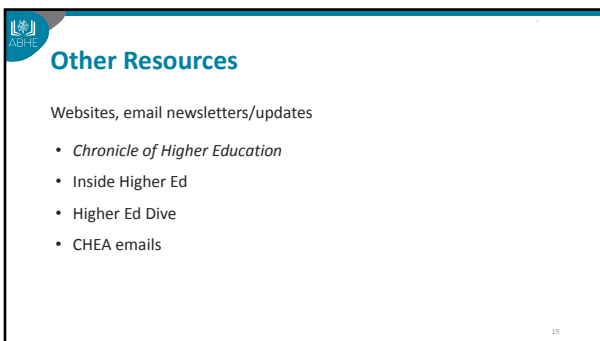




- ABHE Resources**
1. ABHE.org
 - COA Manual, Team Handbook, etc.
 - COA action letters
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ALO Duties

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With ABHE

1. Know the COA Manual (Standards, COEs, policies)
 - What about changes?
2. Maintain Weave institutional profile
3. Ensure annual reporting is completed
4. Get to know your CSR

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With Colleagues

1. Create (or review) substantive change requests
 - Complete?
 - Compliant with policies?
2. Collaborate in...
 - Completing self-study documents
 - Hosting site visits
 - Creating/reviewing/submitting progress reports
3. Integrate "accreditation thinking" in your institution

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Recommendations for Excellence

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Recommendations for ALO Excellence

1. Serve on ABHE teams (at least complete the training!)
2. Always review calls for comment — submit comments if you have them
3. Keep colleagues in the loop
4. Read ABHE Commission Connection emails thoroughly
5. Watch for higher-ed trends
6. Check for new COA decisions

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Questions and Comments

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