



The Critical Role of the Accreditation Liaison

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Overview

1. Understanding COA's structure and people
2. ALO duties
3. ALO informational resources
4. Recommendations for excellence



ALO transition
checklist

COA's Structure, People, Processes

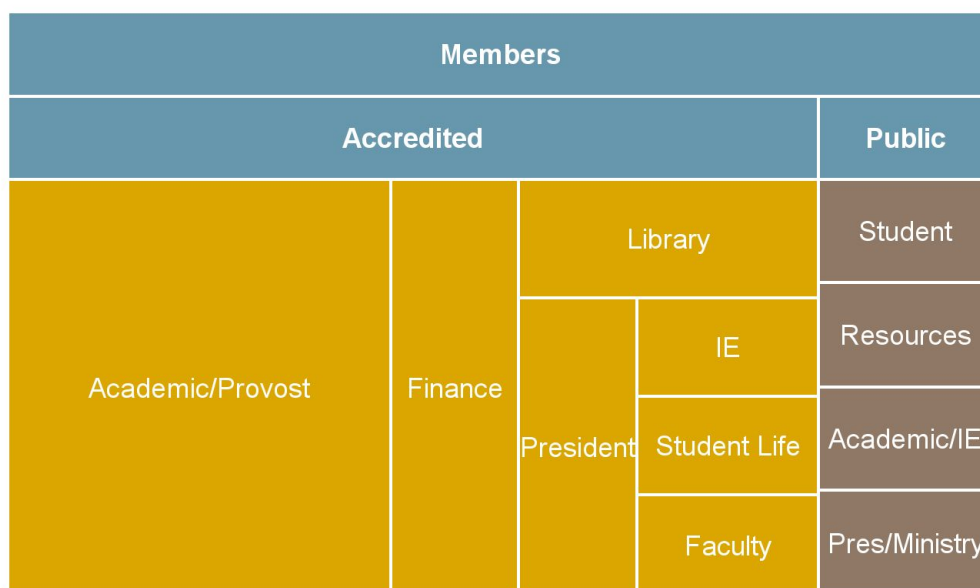
COA and ABHE

Commission is independent/separate from Association

Role	ABHE	COA
<i>Leadership</i>	President	Executive Director
<i>Oversight</i>	ABHE Board	Commission on Accreditation
<i>Membership input</i>	Presidents' Congress	Delegate Assembly

COA's Makeup

- 14-21 Commissioners
 - 12-18 from accredited institutions — at least 3/4th
 - 2-3 public representatives (1 can be a student, at least 1 ministry practitioner) — at least 1/7th



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 Coord.
- Accreditation Services Asst.

Accreditation Cycle

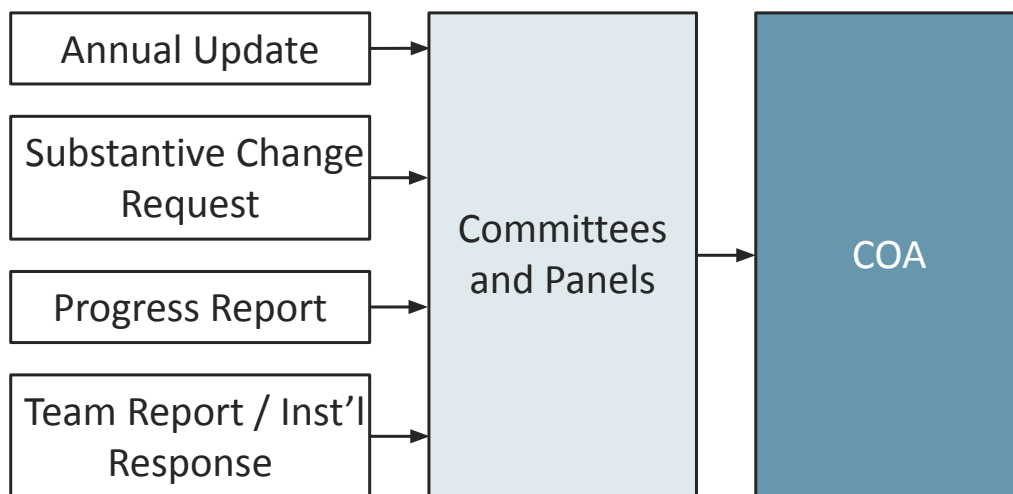
Initial

1. Applicant
 - 4-5 years, CSR visits
 - Team site visit for candidacy
2. Candidate
 - 4-5 years, CSR visits
 - Team site visit for accreditation
3. Initial Accreditation
 - 5 years
 - CSR visit in year 3

Ongoing

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

COA's Structure and Function



ALO Duties

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
5. Be your institution's voice

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

ALO Informational Resources

ABHE Resources

1. ABHE.org

- COA action letters
- COA Manual, Team Handbook, etc.



Accreditation

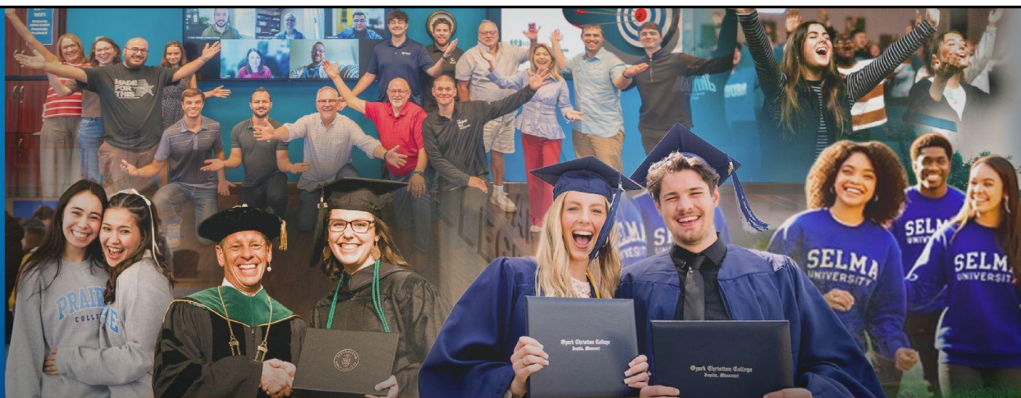
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- Accreditation
 - Accreditation Leadership
 - Commission Actions
 - Accreditation FAQ's
 - Accreditation Resources
 - Evaluation Visits
 - Peer Evaluator Network
 - Call For Comments



ABHE Resources

2. Executive Director newsletter (ABHE Commission Connection)
3. Annual Meeting and other conferences
 - a. “What’s new,” Standards, Team workshops
 - b. Delegate assembly
 - c. Achieving Accreditation Standards conference
4. ALO online community!



ABHE online communities



1. Scan the QR code or visit abhe.connectedcommunity.org/
2. Click the login button
3. Enter your institution email address
4. Check your inbox for a password reset link
5. Set your password and log in!

Other Resources

Websites, email newsletters/updates

- *Chronicle of Higher Education*
- Inside Higher Ed
- Higher Ed Dive
- CHEA emails

Recommendations for Excellence

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

Comments and Questions

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