2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

COA Nominating Committee: Jena Dunn (chair), Elaine Phillips, Jon Jones

NOMINEES FOR THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION

Four Year Term (2026-2030), vote for one: Karina Dunn OR Matthew Millsap

Karina Dunn, Library Director, Vanguard College (AB, Canada)

- MLIS, University of Alberta; BATh (Music Major, Youth Ministry Emphasis), Vanguard College
- Ministry in higher education since 2012 has included serving in the roles of Assessment and Planning Coordinator, Library Assistant, Academic Assistant, Receptionist, English Composition Instructor, as well as several years as an off-site Library Director for a second institution
- Led initiatives to modernize library services, improve information literacy outcomes, implement AI guidelines, and strengthen institutional assessment
- Serves ABHE as a Peer Evaluator
- Participates in the Association of Christian Librarians (ACL) including presenting at annual conferences and serving as the secretary for the Bible Core Section
- Actively volunteers in the community, currently serving as president on her local league board
- Enjoys serving the local church in children's worship ministry
- Values weekly family board game or movie nights

Matthew Millsap, Dean of Library Services, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO

- PhD, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; MDiv, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; MLIS, University of Missouri; BS (Business Administration), Arkansas Tech University
- Has served in Christian higher education since 2015
- Serves on Provost's Council at MBTS with fellow academic deans to discuss potential curricular additions, curricular changes, accreditation updates, etc.
- Served on MBTS's ABHE Self-Study Committee
- Regularly follows news and trends throughout Christian higher education
- Enjoys helping students with their information needs through the Midwestern library's collection and services
- Enjoys teaching undergraduate courses, such as Christianity and the Arts and Christian Political Thought
- Enjoys helping students informally with personal finance
- Married to his wife for 24 years and father to three children
- Loves movies, books, music, investing, and travel

Four Year Term (2026-2030), vote for one: Alicia Plant OR Jeanne Zvaritch

Alicia Plant, Associate Academic Dean, Beulah Heights University (GA)

- Doctor of Education (EdD), University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS (in progress); Doctor of Ministry (DMin), Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, 2016; Master of Divinity (MDiv), Duke University, Durham, NC, 2005; Bachelor of Arts (BA), Religious Studies, Morris Brown College, Atlanta, GA, 2002
- Ministry and Education Experience: More than a decade of progressive teaching experience across undergraduate and graduate level disciplines, consistently rated "excellent" on teaching evaluations, serving as the Associate Academic Dean and previously as the Director of Digital Learning and Doctor of Ministry program director
- Service to ABHE: Commissioner since 2024. Served on one institutional evaluation team visit and as Chair for a focused visit for an institution seeking approval to launch a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program. Serves on the ABHE AIU Committee. Previously participated in the ABHE Standards 1–3 Taskforce and served on an ABHE Evaluation Team (Fall 2023, Standards 4 and 5). Regular participant in ABHE's Day of Prayer.
- Enjoys teaching courses in theological research and writing, spiritual formation, and managing online learning
- Passionate about using online learning/education to advance the Gospel and being a Godly example for her teenage daughter, mentees, and students

Jeanne A. Zvaritch, Academic Dean and Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Allegheny Wesleyan College (OH)

- MA (Higher Education Administration), Sam Houston State University
- Ministry in higher education for 30 years has included serving in the roles of Executive Assistant, Registrar, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, and Academic Dean.
- Service to ABHE includes serving on two evaluation teams
- Enjoys teaching Discipline of the WM Church and Church Administration.
- Leads a campus discipleship group
- Enjoys quality time with family and teaching a young teen class at church

Four Year Term (2026-2030), vote for one: John Dundon OR Aaron Hamilton

John Dundon, Chief Financial Officer, Kentucky Christian University (KY)

- PhD in Organization and Management, Capella University; Certified Public Accountant (CPA); MS in Higher Education, University of Kentucky; BBA in Accounting, Eastern Kentucky University
- Has served in Christ-centered higher education since 1991, with experience spanning academic, administrative, advancement, and financial leadership. His service has included roles as Business and Accounting faculty, Accreditation Liaison, Vice President of Strategic Operations, Executive Vice President, and Chief Financial Officer
- Service to ABHE includes participation in Leadership Development initiatives, administrative engagement in support of ABHE's mission, and exploration of innovative, mission-aligned approaches to institutional collaboration that support growth while exercising disciplined stewardship of resources.
- Enjoys teaching business-related courses that help students understand and apply the concept of Business as Mission (BAM), while also engaging professional issues related to accreditation, balanced budgets, and institutional effectiveness
- Treasures time with his family, including seven grandchildren, and is actively involved in his local church, where he serves as a Sunday School teacher

Aaron Hamilton, Chief Academic Officer, Hobe Sound Bible College (FL)

- PhD (Organizational Leadership), Columbia International University (SC); MA (Ministry)/MBA, Ohio Christian University (OH); BA (Ministerial Studies), God's Bible School and College (OH)
- Ministry in higher education since 2017 has included Director of Finance, Ministerial Department Chairman, and Chief Academic Officer
- Pastoral ministry for 16 years (2001 - 2017)
- Service to ABHE on five ABHE Accreditation Teams as Resource Evaluator, including one as chair; Commissioner since 2023, serves on Financial Review Committee
- Enjoys teaching business courses (financial accounting, managerial accounting, Introduction to business, business communication, and business economics) and ministerial courses (Introduction to homiletics, pastoral ministries, principles of administration)
- Enjoys mission trips (15 trips to Belize, Budapest, Slovakia, Prague, and Papua New Guinea) and spending time with family which includes wife of 27 years, two daughters, two sons, and one son-in-law

Four Year Term (2026-2030), vote for one: Elisabeth Chivers OR Gabriela Mora Soto

Elisabeth Chivers, Chief Compliance Officer, Manna University (NC)

- PhD/MA (History), Liberty University; JD, Trinity Law and Graduate School, BA History, Chapman University
- Chief Compliance Officer at Manna University. Duties include Financial Aid Director, ABHE Liaison, Institutional Effectiveness, and professor
- Service to AHBE includes serving on multiple site teams at various AHBE institutions, as well as leading a team for the past 4 years. ABHE Liaison for Manna University.
- Enjoys helping students think critically
- Time outside of work is spent with her family. Elisabeth and her husband, Brett, started a homeschool sports program for homeschoolers to compete in school sports, which takes up most of her time outside of work and family.

Gabriela Mora Soto, VP of Operations, Chief Financial Officer, LABI College (CA)

- MBA, Azusa Pacific University, BA in Business, Vanguard University, Associate degree in Bible and Ministry, LABI College
- 11 years of experience in faith-based higher education providing executive leadership across financial strategy, budgeting, audits, human resources, payroll, student accounts, grant financial management, donations, and institutional compliance
- Leads college operations and financial stewardship, oversees campus improvement and strategic planning initiatives, and serves on the President's Cabinet, advising on governance, sustainability, institutional effectiveness, and accreditation readiness in support of Christ-centered education
- Married for 10 years, values time with her family and their dogs, enjoys exploring new places, and has an adventurous spirit, especially when it comes to discovering great coffee wherever she goes

Four Year Term (2026-2030), vote for one: Stanley Helton OR Brad Teigen

Stanley N. Helton, President and Professor of New Testament and Ministry, Alberta Bible College (AB, Canada)

- PhD (New Testament and Textual Criticism), New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; MTh (New Testament), New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; DMin (Spiritual Formation), Abilene Christian University; MDiv/MS (Greek New Testament and Ministry), Abilene Christian University; BA (Bible and Ministry), Oklahoma Christian University
- Ministry in Christian higher education since 2003 including adjunct instructor, professor, academic dean, and president. Leadership roles include academic, ecclesiastical, and non-profit consulting
- Service to ABHE includes multiple evaluation visits and as a member of the Commission (2022–2024)
- Enjoys teaching Christian history, ministry and non-profit course, but especially loves teaching New Testament text courses.
- Maintains a full schedule of writing, preaching, teaching, and mentoring both students and church and academic leaders

Brad Teigen, Vice President Academics, Rocky Mountain College (AB, Canada)

- DMin (Spiritual Formation and Discipleship), Nazarene Theological Seminary; MDiv (Family and Youth Ministry), Taylor Seminary (formerly Edmonton Baptist Seminary); BAR (Rocky Mountain College)
- Ministry in Biblical higher education since 2001 has included visiting instructor, faculty, Leadership Program Director, VP Academics, and Accreditation Liaison.
- Ministry in church and parachurch ministry from 1992-2022 as volunteer, youth, associate, and senior pastor.
- Enjoys course development within asynchronous, distributed delivery model

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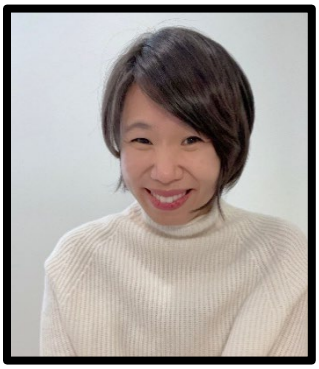
Four Year Term (2026-2030), vote for one: Yiyoung Yuk *

Yiyoung Yuk, Program Director - ESL Education, Emmaus University (IA)



- EdD (English as a Second Language and Missiology), Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; MDiv (Christian Ministry), Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; BA (English Literature and English Education), Dongduk Women's University/South Korea
- Faculty member/ESL Education program director at Emmaus University since 2018
- Pioneered the Chinese ministry and Bible storying group for international students and wives at SEBTS
- Leads Bridge ESL ministry at Emmaus University
- ABHE Service: Serves as a Commissioner reviewing progress reports and substantive change reports; participates on COA panels and presented at the annual ABHE Conference
- Originally from South Korea, lived and worked in New Zealand, Switzerland, and Brazil before moving to the U.S.
- Passionate about reaching the nations for Christ and missionary training. Developed a 50-week curriculum for teaching English through Bible stories.
- Enjoys Bible study, expressing biblical truth through drawing, sipping coffee, and spending time with her family

**incumbent Commissioner, eligible for re-election, running unopposed*