

Election of Co-Chairs 2008-2009

**Professional Services Division
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Overview of this Report

This action item calls for the Committee on Accreditation to elect two Co-Chairs, one from K-12 education and one from post-secondary education, to serve for the 2008-2009 meeting year. These Co-Chairs will formally take office at this meeting and serve through the June 2009 meeting. This election shall take place in accordance with the adopted procedures of the Committee on Accreditation. At the August 6, 2008 meeting of the COA, Ruth Sandlin and Gary Kinsey were nominated as the Co-Chair representing postsecondary education. Gary Kinsey declined the nomination. Nancy Watkins and Carol Leighty were nominated for the position of Co-Chair representing K-12 education. The Committee elected to wait until the October meeting for the election.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Committee conduct its election in accordance with its adopted procedures. The newly elected Co-chairs will assume office at the time of their election.

Background to this Report

The Committee on Accreditation has developed a Procedures Manual to govern its activities. The Manual was last revised in June 2000. Chapter Two deals with the *Organization of the Committee*. It lists the officers (two Co-Chairs – one representing K-12 public education and one representing post-secondary education) and their duties, procedures for the election of officers, a description of terms and term limits, and a mechanism for appointing officers pro-tempore.

According to the Procedures Manual, the nominations are opened at the first meeting after the beginning of the new fiscal year and remain open until the election is conducted. If a member plans to make a nomination, the consent of the individual nominated must be obtained. The Administrator of Accreditation will conduct the election.

Outgoing Co-chair Dana Griggs has served for three terms as Co-chair and according to adopted COA procedures is ineligible to serve another term. Outgoing Co-chair Lynne Cook has served for three terms as Co-chair and is also ineligible to serve another term. One additional member of the COA has served at least two years as chair and thus, according to the COA Procedures Manual, is ineligible to serve, unless the COA votes to amend the procedures. That member is Sue Teele. All other members of the COA are eligible to serve.

Committee on Accreditation Procedure #104 states that “Procedures of the Committee may be enacted, amended, or repealed at any regular public meeting of the Committee by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Committee. Majority vote is defined as a majority of members in attendance when there is a quorum present. A quorum is defined as seven or members of the Committee.”