

Nomination of Co-Chairs for 2023-2024 May 2023

Overview of this Report

This item calls for the Committee on Accreditation to nominate individuals to serve as the Co-Chairs, one from K-12 education and one from post-secondary education, for the 2023-24 meeting year. The nominations and elections shall take place in accordance with the adopted procedures of the Committee on Accreditation (Committee). The nominations will be taken at this meeting with the election to follow at the Committee’s June 2023 meeting.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Committee nominate individuals to serve as Co-Chairs at this meeting. Nominations will be open at this meeting by the Administrator of Accreditation and will remain open until closed at the June 2023 meeting. Elections will follow at the June 2023 COA meeting.

Background

The Committee on Accreditation (Committee) has developed a [Procedures Manual](#) to govern its activities. Chapter Two addresses the Organization of the Committee. It lists the officers as two Co-Chairs – one representing K-12 public education and one representing post-secondary education – and describes 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 to be made at the next to last regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee and the election should take place at the last Committee meeting of the year.” The last Committee meeting of the year for 2023 will be the June 2023 meeting. An Administrator of Accreditation will open nominations for the Co-Chairs for 2023-24 at this (May) meeting. The nominations will remain open through the start of the agenda item at the June 2023 meeting at which time the membership will vote to elect Co-Chairs.

Eligibility of Members for the Co-Chair

Section 202 of the COA Procedures Manual states, “No member of the committee shall be elected to the office of Co-Chair of the Committee for more than two one-year terms.” Committee members may waive its Procedures Manual through a vote to allow for an individual to serve more than two terms, should it desire to do so. Bob Frelly has served five terms as Co-Chair: the first two in 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, and then the COA waived its rules to allow him to serve as Co-Chair in 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23. Marty Martinez has served two terms as Co-Chair in 2021-22 and 2022-23. No other Committee member has previously served as Co-Chair of the Committee to date. If a member plans to make a nomination, the consent of the individual must be obtained.

The nominations for the Committee on Accreditation Co-Chairs for 2023-24 will be conducted

at this meeting and remain open until the election which will take place at the Committee's June 2023 meeting.