

Nomination and Election of Co-Chairs for 2024-2025

August 2024

Overview of this Report

This item calls for the Committee on Accreditation to nominate and elect individuals to serve as the Co-Chairs – one from K-12 education and one from postsecondary education – for the 2024-25 meeting year. The nominations and elections shall take place in accordance with the adopted procedures of the Committee on Accreditation (Committee). Nominations were opened at the June 2024 meeting and will be closed at the August 2024 meeting. Additionally, the Committee will vote to elect its Co-Chairs for the 2024-2025 year at this meeting.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Committee vote to elect two individuals to serve as Co-Chairs of the Committee for the 2024-2025 year.

Background

The 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 postsecondary 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 Administrator of Accreditation opened nominations for the Co-Chairs for 2024-25 at the June 2024 meeting. The nominations will remain open through the start of the agenda item at the August 2024 at which time it will be closed and then the Committee will vote to elect Co-Chairs.

Eligibility of Members for the Co-Chair

Section 202 of the 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 an individual to serve more than two terms, should it desire to do so. Bob Frelly has served a total of terms as Co-Chair beginning in 2018-19. Committee member Katrine Czajkowski is the only other current COA member that has previously served as Co-Chair of the Committee to date, having served one term. If a member plans to make a nomination, the consent of the individual must be obtained.

At the June 2024 meeting, members of the Committee nominated Bob Frelly and Patrick McKee as Co-Chairs. Additional nominations will be accepted at the August meeting prior to closing the nominations and vote by the Committee.