

ASPA Professional Development – Spring 2009

How Technology Can Create Value and Achieve Efficiencies Over Time

The Spring 2009 ASPA Professional Development (ProD) session will focus on how technology can be used to enhance accreditation operations. The session will provide attendees with a better understanding of technologies that may provide a “value on investment” for accrediting agencies. Group discussions will help identify technologies that have been used to enhance accreditation activities and cover solutions to challenges agencies have faced in implementing new technology. Ed Meachen, Associate Vice President, Office of Learning and Information Technology, University of Wisconsin System, will offer keynote remarks on why technology is useful. Dr. Meachen will also facilitate the program.

The Use of Technology in Accreditation Program Objectives:

- Discuss technologies that may provide a “return on investment” or a “value on investment” for accrediting organizations.
 - Learn what other accrediting organizations are currently doing with technology.
 - Participate in defining “return” or “value” on investment using technologies in your organization.
- Learn how to identify the steps necessary to acquire and implement the “right” technology solution for your organization.

Monday Schedule: March 30, 2009

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| 1:40 p.m. | Welcome and Introduction |
| 1:45 p.m. | Why is Technology Useful?
Ed Meachen, PhD, CIO University of Wisconsin System |
| 2:30 p.m. | Break |
| 2:45 p.m. | Structured Open Discussion:
“Technology: Options, Uses and Costs?” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virtual Meetings/Video – discuss how agencies are using technology to conduct virtual meetings to make accreditation related decisions.• Wikis, Blogs, MySpace, Facebook - describe how these technologies can be used to enhance accreditation services.• Database and SharePoint Applications – discuss the uses of these applications in accreditation operations.• Accreditation Systems – describe systems that have been implemented and how they have enhanced accreditation services. |
| 5:00–7:00 p.m. | Reception and opportunity for Q&A with accreditation software vendors |

Tuesday Schedule: March 31, 2009

7:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Panel plus Q&A
"How to Develop and Implement Applications"
Facilitator: Ed Meachen

10:00 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Group Activity:
"Implementing Technology – Case Studies"
Facilitator: Ed Meachen

12:00 noon ASPA Meeting adjourns

ASPA's Spring ProD Sub-committee is looking forward to seeing you in Washington, DC.

If you have questions about the program, you may contact any member of the committee:
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Please feel free to contact Cynthia Davenport (aspa@aspa-usa.org) with any other questions about the Spring ASPA meeting.