

## **Introduction**

In August of 1994, members of ASPA agreed that a number of documents should be drafted for review by the membership. The draft documents were presented for review in the Fall of 1994 and subsequently revised based on comments received. The revised documents then were presented for action and approved in March of 1995.

The texts are as follows:

### **Vision Statement - (1 page)**

The vision statement describes several criteria by which the success of any accreditation effort could be judged.

### **Values - (1 page)**

This statement outlines seven basic values for the accreditation community as a whole. It discusses the fundamental concepts underlying successful and effective accreditation in a peer-review framework. These principles are appropriate both for accrediting bodies and for any national organization dealing with accreditation. This text specifically deals with accrediting bodies.

### **Values and Philosophy - (3 pages)**

Here, the values are restated with philosophical annotations. The text is oriented toward the work of accrediting bodies.

### **Code of Good Practice - posted to separate part of ASPA web site: [www.aspa-usa.org](http://www.aspa-usa.org)**

This document is oriented toward the work of accrediting bodies. It is constructed specifically for accrediting bodies to use in establishing the principles on which relationships with institutions should be based.

These four documents have been constructed in parallel. In other words, the seven basic values are reflected in the vision statement, the philosophical statement, and the code of good practice.

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