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**NEWSLETTER September 2017**

**News from the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors**

**Association Updates**

**New Member**

The American Polygraph Association (APA) joined ASPA this summer. Welcome!

**ASPA Committees**

The Nominations Committee is happy to report that there are individuals willing to be elected or appointed to most open positions at the Spring 2018 conference. There remain a couple of openings on the Professional Development Committees. Committee responsibility information and the nomination form are on the member portal on the "ASPA Committee" page.

**ASPA e-list**

If you receive this newsletter, you are on the e-list that is available only to staff of ASPA members. Some guidelines about using the e-list:

- check the searchable e-list archive on the member portal before sending a question to the list - another member may have recently asked the same question;
- when finished collecting responses, send a summary of your findings to the list;
- put the question topic in the subject line of the message - that makes the archive easier to search; and
- if you don't receive a copy of your message within 10 minutes, the message did not go out and you should contact the office.

**ASPA Member Portal**

If you are on the ASPA e-list, then you have access to the private member portal. Some of the many resources include:

- member profile database with more than 300 data fields on each member. Reports can be generated. Please make sure that the information about your agency is up-to-date.

**Upcoming Events**



**Spring Conference**

April 8-10, 2018  
Chicago IL

**Developing a Successful Accreditation Decision Making Body**

Creating a successful volunteer accreditation commission or board requires effective strategies to identify, select, engage and develop individual members. The professional development program will address the elements and considerations for building a successful team:

- **Composition:** strategies and practices to achieve representation across a broad spectrum of qualified and diverse nominees;
- **Onboarding:** orientation approaches to communicate expectations and accountabilities to new board members;
- **Engagement:** methods to ensure commissioners act in the best interest of the agency and make responsible decisions; and

- conference presentation PowerPoints and links to video recordings of the last three professional development programs are available on the "Meeting Documents" page.
- SHEEO email list - the state association of higher education executives provides us with a current list of contacts - which can be useful when you distribute action notices.
- Leadership Development: identifying and grooming potential leaders on the board for succession in the decision making body.

Program and Registration details coming soon.

## Save the Date - Fall Conference 2018 September 9-11 in Arlington VA

### ASPA's 25th Anniversary

The association will be 25 years old! We'll celebrate with a reception and dinner the Sunday evening at the Capital View Ballroom in the Key Bridge Marriott. Regular conference programming will be at the Westin Arlington Gateway. Stay tuned for details as the program develops.

## About ASPA



The Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors provides a collaborative forum and a collective voice for the community of 60 member accreditors that assess the quality of programmatic higher education programs and schools in the United States. We are the only organization that promotes the importance of specialized and professional accreditation.

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