

Press Release

ACCSC Commission Elects 2010 - 2011 Executive Committee

May 10, 2010

According to *Section 1.11 of ACCSC's Bylaws*, each year the Commission is charged with facilitating the election of its Executive Committee at the last regular Commission meeting the fiscal year. The ACCSC Executive Committee is charged with the providing leadership to the organization, ensuring fiscal responsibility, and to make certain that the organization carries out the policies established, as well as the actions taken, by the Commission.

On May 3, 2010, the ACCSC Commission elected the following board members to serve as the ACCSC Executive Committee for the upcoming year. Their respective one-year terms on the Executive Committee begin immediately.

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Ronald S. Blumenthal
School Commissioner - Chairman of the Commission

Ronald S. Blumenthal has more than 30 years of experience with accreditation and has been associated with Kaplan Higher Education since 1993. Since 2001, Blumenthal has served as the Senior Vice President, Administration & General Manager with Kaplan Higher Education. In 2003, Blumenthal was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Education to the National Advisory Committee for Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), which is charged with advising the Secretary on matters related to accreditation and to the eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education. Additionally, from 2004 through 2007, Blumenthal served on the Board of Directors for the Career College Association, where he was Chairman of the Bylaws Committee in 2006.

Dr. David Wolf
Public Commissioner - Vice Chairman of the Commission

David Wolf, Ph.D. most recently served as the Executive Director for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges until his retirement in 2001. Wolf has also served as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for California Maritime Academy, and as the Vice President for Academic Affairs for Santa Rosa Junior College. Since his retirement in 2001, Wolf has worked extensively with the Stephen S. Weiner Campaign for College Opportunity, which dedicates its efforts towards drawing attention to, and assuring the future of, access to higher education in California, and has served as a Board Member for the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation.

Beth Wilson
School Commissioner - Secretary of the Commission

For the past 30 years, Beth Wilson has been involved in the quality workforce education sector and has been with Corinthian Colleges, Inc. (“CCi”) since 1995. Wilson is the current Executive Vice President of Operations for CCi, where she is responsible for campus operational support, which provides a cohesive integrated approach to support services. Along with developing and implementing CCi strategic objectives, Wilson imparts overall direction for CCi’s human resources, organizational development, real estate, accreditation and licensure, curriculum, purchasing, student financial services, and student career services. Previously, Wilson served as a Commissioner for ACCSC from 1999 through 2003.

Rick Saliba
School Commissioner - Treasurer of the Commission

Since 2001, Rick Saliba has been the Vice President and Director of Operations for Platt College/Oklahoma Health Academy, where his primary duties include providing leadership to the organization and managing daily operations, including being responsible for the schools’ accreditation and compliance initiatives. Saliba has worked in the field of education since 1990 where he has been actively engaged in the instruction, development, and oversight of various innovative education programs. Since 2003, Saliba has been one of the most active Team Leaders with ACCSC and in 2005, he was selected as the Team Leader of the Year due to his significant contributions to the Commission. Rick is currently finishing a 2-year term as a School Commissioner which expires on June 30, 2010. In March 2010, Rick was re-elected by the ACCSC membership to serve an additional four-year term as a School Commissioner beginning on July 1, 2010.



About ACCSC

For more than 40 years, the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) has been at the forefront of establishing and advancing quality education at private, postsecondary career schools and colleges. ACCSC, recognized by the United States Department of Education as a private, non-profit, independent accrediting agency, is dedicated to ensuring a quality education for more than 250,000 students who annually pursue career education at 800 accredited institutions.

ACCSC’s mission is to serve as a reliable authority on educational quality and to promote enhanced opportunities for students by establishing, sustaining, and enforcing valid standards and practices which contribute to the development of a highly trained and competitive workforce through quality career oriented education.

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