2016 Nominating Committee Election

Pursuant to the Commission’s Bylaws, ACCSC will be conducting an electronic election on or around August 17, 2016 through September 2, 2016 to fill one (1) vacant seat on the ACCSC Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is charged with assisting the Commission in identifying potential candidates to fill any vacancy on the board.

Based upon their desire to serve and affiliation with an ACCSC-accredited institution, the Commission is putting forth the following nominees for election by the membership to the Nominating Committee. Please note that each candidate’s name is linked to a copy of their application packet.

- Pamela Kraska, Daytona College
- Michael Zawisky, Ancora Education

Election Instructions

On or around Wednesday, August 17th, each ACCSC-accredited member institution will receive an email from ACCSC with a website link and login instructions to cast their vote. Each ACCSC-accredited member institution is entitled to one vote. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be considered elected for the 2-year term.

Please read the instructions closely to ensure that your ballots are counted. If you have any questions regarding the election or if you did not receive an electronic ballot, please contact Holly Eichhorst via email at heichhorst@accsc.org.

Thank you,

ACCSC
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
ACCSC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominee Information:
Name: Pamela Kraska
Title: Compliance/Regulatory Affairs Director
Institution: Daytona College
Address: 425 South Nova Road
City, State, Zip: Ormond Beach, Florida 32174
Phone: [redacted]
E-Mail: [redacted]
Corporation Name: Daytona College, LLC

I am a (check all that apply):
□ Appeals Panel member
□ Team Leader
□ ACCSC Committee Member
□ Executive/Manager of an ACCSC-accredited School
□ Former ACCSC Commissioner
□ Other – Please specify ______________________

I attest that I have no affiliation with any other school represented by a sitting ACCSC Commissioner and that all information submitted with this nomination is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge & belief.

Signature: __________________________ Date: July 6, 2016

Please return this form along the following:
a. A statement of interest indicating the nominee’s qualifications and why the nominee wishes to serve on the Nominating Committee;
b. A list of all ACCSC-accredited institutions with whom the nominee is affiliated; and
c. A current résumé.

Please submit no later than July 6, 2016 to the attention of:

Michale S. McComis, Ed.D., Executive Director
ACCSC
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Arlington, VA 22201
mccomis@accsc.org
I am interested in serving on the ACCSC nominating committee. I am committed to the importance of ensuring the integrity of the accreditation process, which relies on people who are accountable, honest, and dedicated to serving on the Commission to safeguard the investments of students and the public in their pursuit of receiving quality education.

My primary interest and experience lie in the field of post-secondary vocational / technical education, specifically, in the areas of education quality, compliance, and accreditation. It has been my passion and sole occupation since earning my master’s degree from the University of Akron and beginning my career in education at a public vocational school in Medina, Ohio. Since that time, I have been fortunate to have held positions in both public and private sectors in post-secondary education. Through my years of employment with Career Training Institute, Inc. and Daytona College, I have developed an expertise and a fondness for regulatory and accreditation compliance. Additionally, my knowledge and appreciation of the accreditation process were enhanced through my work with ACCSC as a volunteer team leader, a progress committee member and serving four years as an accreditation consultant for ACCSC.

As a member of the Nominating Committee, I would be honored to refer, to the best of my knowledge, the high caliber of candidates needed to be presented for election and appointment to the Commission.
Pamela Kraska

ACCSC Accredited Institution Affiliations

ACCSC Accredited Institutions  August 2011 - present:

Daytona College, Ormond Beach, Florida  #M070746

ACCSC Accredited Institutes (same ownership as above) January 1999 to October 2007:

Career Training Institute, Inc.
   Career Training Institute, Orlando, Florida
   Central Florida College, Winter Park, Florida
   Central Florida College, Largo, Florida

Daytona Institute of Massage Therapy, Holly Hill, Florida (Now Daytona College)
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Daytona College  Ormond Beach, Florida
*Compliance / Regulatory Affairs Director*  8/2011 to present

Oversee and implement federal, state, and accreditation compliance programs for the college. Work closely with all departments to ensure compliance with all regulatory agencies. Actively promote the College’s mission, vision and values to meet organization objectives and positive student outcomes.

Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC)  10/2007 to 7/2011
*Accreditation Consultant*

Coordinated and facilitated peer review on-site evaluations in ACCSC member and applicant schools that included reviews for renewal of accreditation, initial accreditation and substantive changes. Reviewed and evaluated accreditation applications from member institutions and provided consultative guidance and feedback concerning compliance with the Standards of Accreditation.

Career Training Institute Orlando, Inc.  Winter Park, Florida
(Central Florida College, Career Training Institute, North Florida Institute, Gulf Coast College, Daytona College)
*Corporate Compliance Director*  1/1999 to 10/2007

Responsibilities included the oversight of federal, state, and accreditation (ACCSC, ACICS, CAAHEP) compliance of seven post-secondary schools (main and branches) that offered campus based and distance education certificates, diploma and academic associate degrees in allied health, business and personal services programs. Worked with attorneys in the completion of due diligence for the sale of six schools in 2007.

Medina County Career Center, J.V.S.D.  Medina, Ohio  1/1993 to 1/1999
*Supervisor / Coordinator (Professional Certified Position)*
*Chief GED Examiner for School District*
*Instructor (2 years) Microcomputer Accounting Diploma Program (1993 – 1994)*
*ACT Profiler (Certified Position)*
*Curriculum Coordinator (Secondary) additional contract (1998-1999)*
Responsibilities included the supervision of full-time diploma vocational programs in allied health and business disciplines and extensive continuing education programs for all disciplines. Coordinated and supervised all student service activities and services for adult students enrolled in vocational or continuing education programs. Marketed and conducted job and occupational profiling sessions in partnership with ACT for business, manufacturing and education, resulting in job analysis, assessments and training. Additional contract responsibility with the school district included the supervision of the GED testing program and curriculum coordination for the secondary division. Oversight of the financial aid and grant activities for the adult education department.

EDUCATION and CERTIFICATION
Master of Science, December 1992, University of Akron
Post Graduate Courses, Education  1997-98 Kent State University
Post Graduate courses in Post-Secondary Distance Education Curriculum Spring 2006, University of Florida
Certified Job Profiler, ACT. 1995
Ohio State Department of Education, Teacher Certification (Business and Accounting), Supervision / Administrative Certification (while employed in Ohio)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERBERSHIPS, VOLUNTEER and COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT
Florida Association of Post- Secondary Schools and Colleges, Committee Co-Chair 2012 – Present
Chi Sigma Iota, Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International – Member
Omicron Tau Theta, National Honorary Processional Graduate Society in Vocational Education – Member

Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) 6/00 to 10/07 and 8/11 to present
Volunteer position
  •  Team leader for on-site peer review evaluations
  •  Progress Committee Member
  •  Team Leader of the Year 2004

Volunteer Position
  •  Evaluator team member (student services and education) for accreditation team visits
  •  Served on the Program Approval Advisory Committee
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Nominee Information:
Name: MICHAEL J. ZAWISKY
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Phone: [Redacted]
E-Mail: [Redacted]
Corporation Name: STVT-AAI EDUCATION INC.

I am a (check all that apply):
☐ Appeals Panel member
☒ Team Leader
☐ ACCSC Committee Member
☐ Executive/Manager of an ACCSC-accredited School
☐ Former ACCSC Commissioner
☐ Other – Please specify __________________________

I attest that I have no affiliation with any other school represented by a sitting ACCSC Commissioner and that all information submitted with this nomination is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge & belief.

Signature __________________________ Date 6/27/16

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Michale S. McComis, Ed.D., Executive Director
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mccomis@accsc.org
June 27, 2016

Michale McComis
Executive Director
Accrediting Commission of Career Schools & Colleges
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Arlington, VA  22201

Dear Dr. McComis;

My interest in standing for nomination to the ACCSC Nominating Committee begins with my desire to serve the Commission in any way possible. I believe strongly in the value of accreditation, the power of the peer-review process, and the positive impact accreditation has on student development and success.

Without my experience at, and with ACCSC, I would not be in the position I am today, and as a member of the Nominating Committee, I could begin to assist the Commission in their efforts to locate the best and brightest among our sector to maneuver through the current period we are facing in the private, post-secondary education sector today.

Lastly, working closely with former and current staff, and Commissioners has afforded me a tremendous advantage in building a system that values the importance of the student learning experience and successful student outcomes. Standing for the Committee would increase the opportunity to continue my development through closer relationships with other members, Commissioners, and the great leadership and staff at ACCSC.

I look forward to this opportunity and am proud to submit my application and resume for Commission consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Zawisky
President & CEO
ACCSC-Accredited Institutions

Platt College – Tulsa – 1344
Platt College – Oklahoma City North – 70698
Platt College – Oklahoma City Central – 51633
Platt College – Lawton – 70019
Platt College – Moore – 70912
Arizona Automotive Institute – 334
South Texas Vocational Technical Institute – San Antonio – 72291
South Texas Vocational Technical Institute – McAllen – 72494
South Texas Vocational Technical Institute – Corpus Christi – 72493
Michael J. Zawisky  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
STVT-AAI Education Inc.

Professional Experience

President & Chief Executive Officer – STVT-AAI Education, Inc.  
August 2013 to present
- Set strategy and vision for company and eleven campuses
- Develop a value-driven culture rooted in integrity and one that embraces customer service, innovation, and growth
- Build effective teams and workgroups to implement strategies, create additional opportunities and markets, and advance the mission of the organization
- Create, develop, and monitor the system-wide capital allocation plan to ensure appropriate investment in campuses, employees, and educational objectives

Chief Operating Officer – ATI Enterprises, Inc.  
April 2012 to August 2013
- Strategic operational and compliance leadership of for campuses in Texas, Florida, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona
- Direct oversight of Admissions, Academic, and Student Services initiatives and strategies designed to improve student outcomes and company-wide operational objectives
- Oversight of Marketing and Career Services divisions
- Significant leadership with system-wide culture and core value changes to ensure and improve operational decision making, ethical practices, with focus on student learning experience, employee development, compliance, and student outcomes

Senior Vice President of Accreditation & Compliance – ATI Enterprises, Inc.  
April 2010 to April 2012
- Management of the accreditation process for national agencies; ACCSC, COE, and ABHES and programmatic accreditors/regulators, CoARC and Texas Board of Nursing
- Planning, implementation, drafting, and review of internal accreditation reports, applications, corporate submissions, and training manuals
- Creation, implementation, and leadership of campus compliance review process, focusing on remediation and appropriate responses to ensure the mitigation of risk and impact to company
- Team leadership, training, management, and employee development focusing on the implementation of regulations, standards, and statues that impact corporate and/or campus level operations
- Partner with campuses to incorporate compliant activities into strategic plans and day-to-day operations

Executive Director – Kaplan University, Council Bluffs – Kaplan, Inc.  
September 2006 to April 2010
- Oversight, management, and leadership of a degree-granting private, post-secondary campus with 30 full time employees and 30 adjunct faculty members
- Planning, implementation, and review of corporate, regional, and campus initiatives relating to administration, academics, sales, marketing, admissions, and facilities
- Extensive relationship building with legislative, community, state, and accrediting bodies to ensure brand growth, sector awareness and compliant operating practices
Campus President/Director of Operations – Kaplan University/Hamilton College, Omaha
- Kaplan Higher Education, Inc.
  April 2006 to September 2006
  - Support the Campus President with the management of an 800+ student campus with
    75 full time employees and 50 adjunct faculty members
  - Assist with the planning, implementation, and review of corporate, regional, and
    campus initiatives relating to administration, academics, sales, marketing, admissions,
    and facilities.
  - Focus on the transitional aspects of leadership changes; allowing consistent operation
    and metric attainment.

Campus President – Arizona Automotive Institute, Glendale, AZ – ATI Enterprises,
Inc. – October 2005 to March 2006
  - Oversight, management, and leadership of a 700+ student campus with 80 full
    time employees and faculty members
  - Focus on ACCSC and State of Arizona relationship building to assist with
    fostering a collaborative atmosphere with national and state agencies
  - Assist campus through Commission Directed Announced Visit and resulting responses
    to ensure a campus culture change based on compliance, implementation of policies
    and procedures, and student satisfaction

Accreditation Specialist – Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges
(AACCSC) – October 2001 to September 2005
  - Conduct on-site evaluations for Initial Accreditation, Renewal of Accreditation, New
    Programs, New Locations and Change of Ownership
  - Evaluate member applications providing guidance on understanding and interpretation
    of accrediting standards and complaint practices
  - Work closely with Team Leaders, Education Specialists, and Occupation Specialists
    to ensure that the visit process was thorough and constructive
  - Board member training and development experience

Executive Director, Instructor – Vocational Training Center – St. Annuarite – Gobabis,
Namibia
  January 1997 to January 2001
  - Responsible for the planning, implementation, and construction of the first private,
    postsecondary training center in Gobabis with a focus on business and technology-
    based program offerings
  - Overall management of physical facility, tuition, expenses, and payroll
  - Extensive relationship building and awareness training with local agencies
    and constituents to ensure understanding and credibility of the VTC
  - Classroom instruction in Business Communications, Document Processing, Business
    Mathematics, and Spreadsheet Applications

Board Affiliations & Education

Career College and Schools of Texas (CCST)
  - Board of Directors – October 2014 to present

The University of Dayton – Dayton, Ohio – Bachelor’s Degree – History
  - Member of the University of Dayton History Club & Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law
    Fraternity