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## ACCSC School Commissioner Election Results & Public Commissioner Appointments

### School Commissioner Election

ACCSC is pleased to announce the results of the 2017 School Commissioner Election. Please join the Accrediting Commission in congratulating the following individuals on their election as a School Commissioner:

- **Vickie Clements** – [Great Lakes Institute of Technology, Toni & Guy Hairdressing Academy](#)
- **Susan Johnson** – [Gemological Institute of America](#)
- **Carol Palacios** – [Atlantis University](#)
- **Arthur D. Waller, Ph.D.** – [Vista College](#)

The Accrediting Commission extends its sincere appreciation to all of the School Commissioner candidates and to the accredited members for their active participation in this year's election.

### Public Commissioner Appointments

At the February 2017 meeting, the Accrediting Commission interviewed several outstanding candidates to fill two (2) Public Commissioner vacancies and voted to appoint the following individuals to serve as a Public Commissioner:

- **Kathryn Dodge, Ph.D.**
- **Cedric D. Page, Ph.D.**

The Accrediting Commission would like to thank all of the candidates for Public Commissioner for their interest in supporting ACCSC and its mission.

The Accrediting Commission and its professional staff are excited to begin working with the new Commissioners as they prepare to begin their respective terms on July 1, 2017.

### Commission Expansion

As part of the 2017 Commissioner Election/Appointment process, and as previously announced to the membership in an [October 3, 2016 Accreditation Alert](#), ACCSC's Bylaws allows the Accrediting Commission to expand its composition to up to (17) seventeen members. In consideration of the significant number of applications submitted by institutions seeking to transition accreditation to ACCSC, the Accrediting Commission elected to utilize the 2017 Commissioner Election/Appointment process to expand from (13) thirteen members to (15) fifteen members. The Commission's primary goals in so doing are to maintain ACCSC's high-level accreditation services to both currently and future accredited institutions, and to ensure that ACCSC is well-positioned to fulfill its mission and its obligations for the hundreds of thousands of students served by those institutions. At this time the Accrediting Commission believes the expansion to 15 members is needed in order to meet the demands that come with a significant work-load increase over a very short period of time. The Accrediting Commission will reassess its needs each year to determine when contraction, or additional expansion, may be appropriate.

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\* Fulfilling a three-year term due to a vacancy.