



AABInternational 2019

Leading the World in the Advancement
of Aviation Education Accreditation

Mission Statement

The Aviation Accreditation Board International advances quality aviation education worldwide through accreditation and leadership.

Globalization

In accordance with its mission statement, AABI is committed to its role as the world's leader in the advancement of aviation education. This global mindset is an integral and pervasive element in each end statement and is reflected in all organizational functions and actions.

Goals

The goals of AABI are to stimulate collegiate aviation program excellence and self-improvement; establish uniform minimum educational quality standards; and increase the credibility, integrity, and acceptance of collegiate aviation programs within institutions of higher education and all aspects of the aviation community, to include industry, government and the public-at-large.

Purpose

Accreditation is a system for recognizing educational institutions and/or their professional programs that achieve and maintain a level of performance, integrity and quality that entitles them to the confidence of the educational community, the industry and the public they serve. Accreditation has three fundamental purposes:

- To ensure the quality of the institution or program;
- To assist in the improvement of the institution or program; and
- To maintain relevance of education with the industry it serves.

Committees Overview

Bylaws and Policies & Procedures Committee. The Bylaws and Policies & Procedures Committee shall be responsible to the Board for preparing proposed, necessary, and desirable changes to the Bylaws. The Committee shall also be responsible for preparing proposed, necessary and desirable changes to the Policies & Procedures Manual.

Strategic Planning Committee. The responsibility of the Strategic Planning & Corporate Communication Committee is to investigate opportunities that may improve AABI's organizational structure, record keeping, financial status and/or membership levels. These opportunities may include, but are not limited to, outreach programs, marketing initiatives, branding development, communication strategies, as well as industry acceptance and public image efforts.

This Committee shall also be responsible for investigating dates and locations for AABI's Annual and Mid-Year Meetings, and then make appropriate recommendations to the Executive Committee for approval.

Criteria Committee. The Criteria Committee shall be responsible for the preparation of the criteria upon which all programs in aviation seeking accreditation or reaffirmation by AABI will be evaluated. Each year the Committee shall review all criteria and, where appropriate, shall recommend to the Board such changes as may be needed to improve upon the quality of aviation programs, the accreditation process, and the promulgation of criteria appropriate to the education of an aviation professional. All proposed changes in criteria relating to aviation programs shall be sent to the educator member representatives of AABI-accredited programs for comment by program faculty, students, and administrators (allowing an appropriate period of time for comment) prior to the proposed changes being adopted by the Board.

Accreditation Committee. The Accreditation Committee shall consider the accreditation reports and other pertinent materials submitted in connection with the accreditation of an academic program and, after due deliberation, shall recommend to the Board on accreditation, or continuance, or reinstatement of

accreditation, for those academic programs which have applied for and have been reviewed and which, in the opinion of the Accreditation Committee, have met the criteria for accreditation; and shall also recommend to the Board the denial, revocation, or suspension of accreditation when, in the opinion of the Accreditation Committee, the program has ceased to comply with the criteria for accreditation established by AABI.

Guidance Committee. The Guidance Committee shall have total responsibility for providing a system of advisory services for college aviation programs, including those programs seeking accreditation by AABI and those already accredited. Advisory services must be requested by an authorized representative of the institution or aviation program and directed to the Chairperson of the Guidance Committee. If such requests are received by individual members of AABI, they should direct them to the Chairperson immediately. Any direct costs involved in providing advisory services shall be defrayed by the requesting institution, but no consulting fees will be charged by AABI members providing such services.

The Guidance Committee shall be responsible for the preparation of guidelines and documents with which a program will conduct a self evaluation study that will be an integral part of the AABI accreditation process, and shall recommend to the Board such changes as may be required to improve the materials on an annual basis.

The Guidance Committee shall be responsible for the “Pre-Candidacy Partnership Program.” The Committee will establish protocol with institutions not immediately eligible for full Candidate status for accreditation. The Committee will maintain a mentor pool comprised of institutions/individuals from AABI-accredited programs that volunteer to advise the applicants/pre-candidates through the application and self-study phases.

The Guidance Committee shall be responsible for planning and conducting a Guidance Committee Workshop at least once per year, to update candidates and prospective applicants on AABI Criteria Manual revisions, Self-Study details, accreditation visit practices, and other information pertinent to the accreditation process. The Guidance Committee shall also be responsible to the Board for identifying programs that are potential candidates for AABI accreditation.

Industry/Educator Forum Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the Industry/Educator Forum Committee to organize and conduct a forum at each Annual Meeting which brings together all the representatives of the AABI members, all the members of the Board of Trustees and all other persons which this Committee deems appropriate for the purpose of having a free exchange of ideas relevant to the education of students studying aviation. This forum is meant to serve as a means through which educators will be apprised of any disciplines required by the industry and their personnel, through which industry can receive new employees educated more particularly for their respective needs and through which the AABI Board of Trustees will be apprised of new Criteria to be considered and to what extent those Criteria are currently being considered by the institutions.

Membership Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the Membership Committee to seek additional ways to involve AABI members, provide a forum for issues regarding membership to be reported to the Board, and to work with the president to actively recruit new members in all categories.

Awards Committee. The Awards Committee shall be responsible for oversight of the policies and procedures pertaining to the nomination and selection for all AABI awards. The Committee shall provide the Executive Committee a list of nominees for each award at least three (3) months prior to Annual Meetings. The Board shall name all award recipients. The Awards Committee shall be responsible to the Board for organizing and conducting an official awards presentation as part of the Annual Meeting of AABI.

Safety Committee. The mission of the Safety Committee is to provide guidance to the AABI Board of Trustees and to AABI Committees (particularly Criteria, Guidance, and Curriculum) about safety matters related to AABI Criteria, program curricula, particularly the AABI Safety Science option and safety matters related to a safety management approach to fostering an effective safety culture in aviation programs.

Special Committees. The chairperson, with Board approval, may create any special committee of the Board or of the membership which shall have a specific charge and shall appropriately report progress to the Executive Committee and, if appropriate, Standing Committees and the Board until the Committee has fulfilled its objectives or is otherwise discharged. The chairperson, with approval of the Executive Committee, shall establish the membership and tenure of such special committees, national or regional, as may be required to implement the stated purposes of AABI.

BENEFITS OF ACCREDITATION

Industry Benefits

- *Assured quality of aviation program graduates*
- *Preferential access for hiring and interns*
- *Access to research resources and networks*

ACCESS

Student & Parent Benefits

- *Assured quality of education*
- *Potential for internship and employment preference*
- *Probable access to superior education equipment*

Academia Benefits

- *Credibility with all stakeholders*
- *Program prestige attracts talent*

PREFERENCE

PRESTIGE

CREDIBILITY

QUALITY

RESOURCES