<u>Standing Operating Committees:</u> The AABI shall have Standing Management Committees and Standing Operating Committees. The Standing Operating Committees shall be: (1) Criteria Committee, (2) Accreditation Committee, and (3) Guidance Committee.

The Chairperson shall be a voting member of all standing committees and counted toward the quorum of any committee meeting he or she attends, but not counted against the committee requirements described in these Bylaws. The Vice Chairperson shall be an official voting member of all standing committees on which he or she is required to serve as provided in these Bylaws and shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of all other standing committees. The President shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of all committees unless otherwise designated in these Bylaws. The Chairperson or Board may assign to these standing committees responsibilities in addition to those specifically listed in these Bylaws. Action by any Committee which requires Board approval will be submitted in writing to the Chairperson prior to the next meeting of the Board. Reports of each Committee meeting shall be promptly prepared and submitted to the Board for its review. Any AABI member representative of any Corporate, Educator, Trade Association or Organizational Sustaining member and any Individual Sustaining member shall be eligible for appointment as a voting member of any committee for which the member meets the qualifications.