

NEWS RELEASE

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DEAC Announces Call for Nominations to Serve on the Board of Directors

The DEAC Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that it is seeking nominations of potential candidates for election to serve on the DEAC Board of Directors. The committee is seeking candidates to fill one public member position and one institution member position when the terms for Dr. Timothy Mott and Ms. Mary Adams expire March 31, 2016. Article IV, Section 5 of the *DEAC Bylaws* states that the election of directors from member institutions filling expired terms shall be held at the annual business meeting of the Corporation. The open institution member term is for three years and will commence immediately following elections at the April 2016 annual business meeting. Article IV, Section 5 states further that the election of Directors representing the public shall be held at the first Directors' meeting of the fiscal year. The open public member term is for three years and will commence upon election at the board of directors and Accrediting Commission meeting scheduled for June 2016.

The call for nominations is open now, and will continue until October 21, 2015. DEAC invites interested candidates to submit their credentials for consideration using the DEAC's [online submission form](#). More information about candidate qualifications and the significant responsibilities associated with working on the DEAC Board of Directors is available on the following pages.

The nominating committee is deeply committed to identifying, recruiting, and recommending the highest quality nominees while respecting the rich diversity of educational offerings, culture, skills and experience across DEAC-accredited institutions.

ABOUT DEAC

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1926 that operates as a national accreditor of distance education institutions. DEAC's goal is to ensure a high standard of educational quality in the distance education institutions it accredits and a quality education for the more than two million students who annually study at its accredited institutions.

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DEAC Board of Directors Candidate Qualifications

Individuals interested in candidacy for an institution representative position on the board of directors must minimally:

1. Represent a DEAC-accredited institution in good standing with DEAC as well as with any other accrediting organization or state or federal regulatory agency.
2. Represent a DEAC-accredited institution that completed at least one cycle to renew accreditation.
3. Possess at least five (5) years of experience in a senior leadership role (academic or administrative) at a DEAC-accredited institution.
4. Possess the capacity to receive, review and evaluate electronically prepared materials prior to and during all meetings and conference calls. The board of directors carries out all of its functions using electronically prepared materials.
5. Commit to allocating time for preparations, travel requirements, and full engagement needed for board meetings.

Individuals interested in candidacy for a public member position on the board of directors must minimally:

1. Have an interest in distance education and quality assurance/quality improvement in education.
2. Have an interest in public service.
3. Possess the capacity to receive, review and evaluate electronically prepared materials prior to and during all meetings and conference calls. The board of directors carries out all of its functions using electronically prepared materials.
4. Commit to allocating time for preparations, travel requirements, and full engagement needed for board meetings.
5. Preferably have some previous committee or board experience or volunteer experience in accreditation and distance education.
6. Demonstrate knowledge and application of learning theories, instructional design, educational technology, and outcomes-based assessment in distance education.

Individuals interested in submitting their credentials for consideration by the Nominating Committee must agree to:

1. Adhere to DEAC's code of conduct and conflict of interest policies;
2. Undergo a background and reference check to include the verification of academic credentials;
3. Be available to travel to Washington DC for an interview with the nominating committee December 10-11, 2015 (if selected for an interview); and
4. Make every effort to attend the DEAC annual conference April 10-12, 2016 in Washington, DC.

Commitment to the DEAC Board of Directors

Serving on the DEAC Board of Directors requires a significant commitment of time to effectively support the DEAC mission and the process of accreditation. The annual schedule of activities includes attendance at two (2) three-day accreditation decision meetings per year, participation in typically four (4) conference call meetings per year, and committee work in one or more of the Directors' policy and governance areas. Meetings require significant advance preparation as each member of the Board contributes to accreditation decision-making and good governance. On average, directors spend 15-20 hours per week for three weeks to fully prepare for an accreditation decision meeting. Committee responsibilities require an additional 8 to 10 hours of preparation for conference call meetings or in-person committee meetings. In addition to making meticulous preparations for meetings and calls, board members must maintain high standards of integrity, honesty, impartiality, and fidelity to the standards of accreditation in order to carry out the board's essential work.