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## NEWS RELEASE

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### DEAC Announces Virtual Annual Business Meeting

Washington, D.C. – In accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the *Bylaws*, notice is given to all members that the Annual Business Meeting will take place at **2:00 PM EST on Wednesday, April 1, 2026** online via Zoom webinar.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

All DEAC members are encouraged to attend the Annual Business Meeting. Important information and reports will be provided about the organization's activities from the Chair, Executive Director, and Treasurer.

*(Please Note: Attendance at the Annual Business Meeting is limited to representatives from institutions currently accredited by DEAC.)*

#### Board of Director Elections

The DEAC Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following individuals are seeking a second term on the Commission:

##### **Amanda Harrison**

*Chief Operating Officer, Cummings  
Graduate Institute for Behavioral  
Health Studies*

*Current Vice Chair, DEAC Executive  
Committee Member*

[Bio linked here](#)

##### **Dr. Robert Frankel**

*Chief Academic Officer, Genesis  
University & National Tax Training  
School*

*Current Member-At-Large, DEAC  
Executive Committee*

[Bio linked here](#)

Both nominees are current DEAC Institution Representatives who are eligible for a second term.

## **Proposed Revisions to Bylaws Article III, Members, Section 7**

DEAC members will receive a proposal to revise binding arbitration to non-binding arbitration in the *Bylaws*.

### **Voting Procedures**

Each DEAC-accredited institution is entitled to one vote.

An electronic ballot will be emailed to the designated primary contact at each DEAC-accredited member institution to vote on (1) the re-election of commissioners and (2) the proposed revision to the Bylaws.

The ballot will become available on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, immediately following the Virtual Annual Business Meeting, and will remain open until 6:00 PM Mountain Time on April 2, 2026.

### **Register to Attend**

Please register [HERE](#) to participate in the Virtual Annual Business Meeting.

### **About DEAC**

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission is a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1926. As a national accreditor of distance education institutions, DEAC ensures high standards of educational quality and student outcomes across its accredited institutions.

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