



Accreditation Commission Charter

Purpose:

The purpose of the Accreditation Commission is to review accreditation reports submitted by the Director of Professional Services and determine agency suitability for status as a WASPC Accredited agency.

Authority:

The WASPC Executive Board confirms all recommendations from the Accreditation Commission. Appeals of determinations made by the Accreditation Commission are heard exclusively by the Accreditation Commission.

Membership:

Membership in the Commission is comprised of two Police Chiefs, two Sheriffs, two Jail Managers and three Accreditation Managers. All Commissioners are selected by the WASPC Executive Board and must be from current Accredited agencies. Commissioner terms of office are three years and are on staggered expirations so as to provide process consistency and to ensure a foundation of tenured experience among members.

Chairperson:

The Commission shall be Chaired by any member selected by majority vote of the Commissioners. A vice-chair may be selected as needed and at the discretion of the Commission.

Duties:

The Accreditation Commission meets during the WASPC Spring and Fall Conferences to review accreditation reports submitted by the Director of Professional Services. During the Commission meeting, the Director of Professional Services reports on the status of the Accreditation On-sites that have been conducted since the last conference.

The Commission reviews the reports of the Assessment Team to confirm that they have complied with the Accreditation standards and answered any unresolved issues or findings. In the event that there is a dispute between the Assessment Team and the Agency seeking accreditation that cannot be resolved through the Director of Professional Services, the Commission will hear evidence concerning compliance/non-compliance with the standards set forth in the WASPC Standards Manual.

Once the process has been verified and any appeals resolved, the Commission makes recommendation to the WASPC Executive Board to confirm Accreditation Status upon the requesting agency.