

# ASCE AMERICAN SOCIETY<sup>®</sup> OF CIVIL ENGINEERS SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION OPERATIONS

## COAO RESPONSIBILITY

The Committee on Accreditation Operations shall focus on the recruitment, training, evaluation, and assignment of program evaluators for the accreditation of architectural, civil, and construction engineering programs and architectural engineering, civil engineering, and construction engineering technology programs; and the implementation of the associated ABET program criteria.

## ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY NEWS

COAO developed example PEV worksheets for EAC Architectural, Civil and Construction visits. The worksheets demonstrate the best practices in completing E341 and 351, while reinforcing the inclusion of the Program Criteria that should be reviewed during the accreditation visit process. Visit the ASCE Accreditation and ABET webpage for more information ([www.asce.org/accreditation-and-abet/](http://www.asce.org/accreditation-and-abet/)).

Each year, the PEV training slides are updated. Please review and encourage your ASCE PEVs to do the same each year.

The EAC and ETAC PEV evaluator instructions are reviewed annually and updated as needed. The major revisions this year were the following.

- o Update the ASCE Accreditation and ABET web addresses.
- o Strengthen language reminding PEVs to submit their compiled PEV reports to Dion Coward within 3 weeks of completing the visit.
- o Removing language that refers to Observe visits as ASCE discontinued observer visits during the 2018-2019 cycle.

Reminder: As a change in the 2018-2019 cycle, COAO is asking all PEVs, regardless of achieving senior PEV status (more than 5 years as a PEV), to fill in all boxes on the PEV Worksheet (E341). The information is reviewed in assessing PEV performance and is considered in nominating team chairs/commissioners.

## PEV CANDIDATES

COAO has observed an overwhelming interest from individuals seeking to become ASCE PEVs. To ensure that all new PEVs receive a visit as well as assigned a mentor to assist them through the training process, COAO has chosen to limit incoming PEV class size to 12 candidates. PEV candidates must meet ABET qualifications; however, COAO has worked to emphasize PEVs with construction/architectural program emphasis, industrial connections, as well as other underrepresented groups in the current PEV pool.

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## SUGGESTIONS?

For suggestions to improve ASCE's training of PEVs, dissemination of civil, construction and architectural engineering and engineering program accreditation information, or other comments, please send the comments to [COAO@ASCE.org](mailto:COAO@ASCE.org) or to Dion Coward at [dcoward@asce.org](mailto:dcoward@asce.org).