

Educational Workshops

Brought to you by The Pro Board® Committee on Accreditation



Friday, January 12, 2018

Committee on Accreditation Updates12:45 – 2:45 pm

The CoA meets throughout the year to review applications for accreditation, re-accreditations, extensions, changes in process, and site visit reports. As the members of the Committee determine whether these practices meet the Pro Board criteria, they form opinions related to those practices which in turn serve to guide all the agencies. During this session, Committee members will share those opinions.

What It Takes to Be a CoA Member2:45 – 3:15 pm

Each year, the Advisory Committee elects one or more new members to serve on the CoA. During this session, attendees will learn about the benefits and responsibilities of CoA.

Concurrent Workshops3:00 – 4:30 pm

Innovative Concepts in Certification Programs

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Introduction to the Pro Board

This workshop is designed for those who are interested in learning more about the history, mission, and purpose for the Pro Board system. It takes you from the evolution of accreditation to its current state. This session will be valuable for those new to the Pro Board system, or those who would like more in depth understanding of the system.

Understanding Our Constituents

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Saturday, January 13, 2018

Concurrent Workshops 8:30 – 10:00 am

Preparing for a Site Visit

Do you have a site visit coming up? Whether it is a re-accreditation or initial accreditation, this workshop will prepare you for what to expect during the site visit process. You will be given an overview of the self-assessment process, information on what to expect prior to the site visit (forms and documents), during the site visit, and following the site visit. Come ready with questions!

Round Table Discussions

This workshop provides an opportunity for networking and sharing of information. A CoA member, or other technical expert, will facilitate a discussion based on one of the topics below and provide any applicable Pro Board policies, criteria, or CoA opinions.

- NFPA® 1006 TIAs
- Statistical Analysis
- NFPA® 1072 vs 472
- LXR – What did you do?

You will have 25 minutes for each rotation and be given the opportunity to select 3 of the 4 discussion topics, so make sure you sit at the tables you are most interested in and be ready to discuss. This workshop is 100% participant driven!

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Assessment Methodology

This workshop will discuss the various assessment methodologies used to assess the requirements of the JPRs in NFPA® standards. Special emphasis will be given to Project Methodology. A segment of the workshop will be devoted to the development of the Change in Accredited Process Application.

Using the Online Accreditation Application System

This workshop will guide participants through the use of the new online Accreditation Application System. Topics covered will include creating an account, completing the Application, the technical analysis of a submittal, and the review process followed by the Committee on Accreditation. You'll also learn about the ability agencies have to respond to comments and questions. An opportunity will be made available for agencies who have used the system to provide feedback.

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