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ECAP COUNCIL



Evangelical Council
For Abuse Prevention

The ECAP Council

Purpose

ECAP Council consists of members appointed by the ECAP Board of Directors (BOD) from member organizations. This Council is accountable to the BOD. The Council is composed of committees, which are each made up of board members, members elected from the various ECAP accredited member organizations, and on occasion, approved Subject Matter Experts (SME) that will serve in a specific capacity. The Council oversees standards, recommends accreditation policy, and hears and adjudicates appeals as necessary.

Council is tasked with the following:

1. Collaborate on, and facilitate discussion on, legislative or political issues affecting ECAP policies, procedures, and constituency.
2. Foster collegiality amongst key leaders and thinkers in the area of ministry and abuse prevention.
3. Discuss and define dynamics within evangelicalism that may impact ECAP and its policies, procedures, or accreditation.
4. Apprise the BOD of pertinent information gathered from ECAP member organizations.
5. Provide working support for board initiatives that require sustained involvement.
6. Be a conduit for nominations of new board or committee member candidates.

Annual Meeting

The Council will only operate as a whole once each year scheduled around the ECAP National Conference. This meeting will include a majority of committee members, the BOD and will be chaired by the Executive Director.

Committees

- **Nominations**
- **Standards**
- **Accreditation**
- **Complaints & Adjudication**

Committee Goals

1. Consistently review, maintain, and when needed, revise standards to achieve a high level of abuse prevention within accredited organizations.
2. Consistently review, maintain, and when needed revise, suggested best practices that are fitting and in alignment with ECAP standards.
3. Review applications and accredit organizations that meet accreditation criteria.
4. Renew accreditation of organizations that continue to maintain accreditation standards.
5. Review exceptions to standards and the accompanying backing evidence.
6. Review policies and legal issues to maintain alignment with federal and state statutes in relation to sexual abuse and sexual offenses.
7. Help create and maintain a clear and open communication strategy to accredited organizations and those seeking accreditation.
8. Review and advise accredited organizations on incidents of sexual abuse and allegations of abuse.