



ABHES BULLETIN

To: Accredited Institutions and Programs

From: India Y. Tips, Executive Director

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Subject: Notice of Commissioner Nominating Committee Election and Ballot

The Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) Commissioner Nominating Committee election will be conducted, Friday, June 25, 2021. Voting will be done electronically through www.simplyvoting.com beginning at 9:00 a.m. ending at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

In accordance with Section 6.2.3. of the ABHES Bylaws, the Committee is charged with preparing a list of nominations for the election and appointment of all Commissioners. The Committee consists of five (5) members: (a) the Chair of the Commission; (b) two Commissioners, one of whom must be a representative of the public, as described in Section 4.6.1 of the ABHES Bylaws, and **(c) two individuals representing the members of ABHES elected by the ABHES membership.** Elected committee members serve two-year terms. The nominees including their statement of interest have been included for your consideration starting on page 2, in alphabetical order, and will be included on the voting platform.

Voting will be managed using the Simply Voting platform (<https://abheselect.simplyvoting.com>). On **Friday, June 25, 2021**, the primary contact for each ABHES-accredited member institution/program will receive an email with an elector ID and password from vote@simplyvoting.com (on behalf of ABHES/elections@abhes.org). When casting your vote, you may click the direct link within the email received or log in directly via abheselect.simplyvoting.com using your elector ID and password. Additional instructions can be found under “How It Works” at abheselect.simplyvoting.com. Only institutions and programs accredited by ABHES are eligible to vote. Once a ballot has been cast, it cannot be changed.

Upon conclusion of the voting period, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will fill the member elected seats on the committee for a two-year term. **Election results will be announced on Monday, June 28, 2021.** Thank you for your participation in the election for the Commissioner Nominating Committee. Please contact Amy Rowe at arowe@abhes.org or (571) 282-0052 with any questions regarding the electronic balloting process.

Nominees

Lee Foley

Vice President, Accreditation/Education

Beckfield College

Please consider Lee Foley's request to serve on the Commissioner's Selection Committee. Lee has over ten years of experience managing programs at the collegiate level, and he has dedicated his career to helping students graduate from reputable, accredited programs. Lee currently serves as the VP for Accreditation/Compliance for a college in Kentucky which offers diplomas up to baccalaureate degrees. Lee is responsible for ensuring compliance with the College's institutional and programmatic accreditors, as well adherence to all state/federal regulations. Lee has become very passionate about accreditation and would love to work more with ABHES by serving on the committee.

Fred Freedman

President/CEO

Pima Medical Institute

Fred Freedman has been the President and Chief Executive Officer with Pima Medical Institute since 2015. After joining Pima in 2000 as Director of Operations and Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Freedman has played an instrumental role in creating consistent growth, stability, and regulatory compliance in one of the most respected proprietary school groups in the country. Mr. Freedman's experience in various aspects of campus and fiscal operations has enabled Pima Medical Institute to grow and thrive.

With nearly 35 years in the private education sector, Mr. Freedman has held corporate operations positions, led colleges through change of ownership, has served as a member of the Standards Review Committee for the ABHES and has participated in dozens of accrediting visits. Additionally, Mr. Freedman was CEO and co-founder of the Fresno Institute of Technology prior to its sale and change of ownership.

Mr. Freedman has established working partnerships and collaborative agreements with public and private universities, as well as city and county agencies designed to enhance efficiencies and establish mutually beneficial cost models combined with excellent student outcomes and minimal student debt. Pima Medical Institute and the proprietary education sector as a whole have benefited from these relationships.

Please consider Fred Freedman for the Commissioner Nominating Committee. For the past two years he has had the honor of serving as a contributing member of this Committee.

Fred's interest in serving is based on his deep belief in properly screening and educating potential ABHES Commissioners of the responsibilities of elected and appointed Commissioner seats.

As a member of the CNC, he hopes to continue to help shape and develop ideas and discussions that promote strong Commissioner candidates while maintaining high ethical and moral standards. Fred will share his experience and continue to represent member colleges by assisting other Committee members in properly reinforcing the integrity of the process.

Mel Weiner

President

Mandl School, The College of Allied Health

As President of Mandl School, the College of Allied Health, a school that is institutionally accredited by ABHES for over 30 years, Mel Weiner possesses an adept and current understanding of ABHES's policies and procedures for accreditation. Mel hopes be able to continue serving on the ABHES Commissioner Nominating Committee. Mel's past position as a ABHES Commissioner and past Chair of the Commission will provide him with a sincere commitment to impartiality and an adherence to confidentiality.