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Accreditation Development Series Description:

For the 2025 Annual Meeting, AABI will host the first **Accreditation Development Series** focusing on different aspects of the accreditation process. These sessions will help prepare institutional representatives of programs in candidacy for initial accreditation or reaffirmation, as well as those considering beginning the process, for what is expected. Topics will include discussions on the following:

Round 1

AABI 201: Assessment Fundamentals

Join AABI's Vice President of Accreditation Mark Dusenbury and Accreditation Evaluator Shannon Morrison to discuss assessment fundamentals. This session will cover the basics related to assessing student learning outcomes, while also exploring how to create relevant and meaningful program level outcomes for your institution. Note: This session is a required training for new schools looking to complete the AABI Readiness Checklist.

Elevating Air Traffic Education: Reflections on Year One of the Enhanced AT-CTI Program

This panel, led by AABI's ATC Committee Chair Steve West, will discuss the progress and impact of the Enhanced Air Traffic - College Training Initiative (CTI) program after its first year. Panelists will explore key achievements, challenges faced, and lessons learned in preparing future air traffic professionals. The discussion will highlight collaboration between AABI programs, advancements in training technologies, and workforce readiness. Attendees will gain insights into program outcomes, evolving FAA staffing needs, and next steps for continued success in shaping the next generation of air traffic controllers. Join us for an engaging dialogue on innovation and excellence in aviation training.

Advancing Aviation Education: Insights from Accreditation and Assessment Research

This presentation explores aviation accreditation and assessment research published in the UAA Collegiate Aviation Review International (CARI). Join immediate past president of the University Aviation Association, Dr. Chaminda Prelis, as he highlights the benefits of publishing in the CARI. This session will also include presentations from AABI authors of recent research publications that will examine key findings, methodologies, and implications for collegiate aviation programs. Attendees will gain insights into research-driven strategies for enhancing curriculum, meeting industry expectations, and ensuring continuous improvement. Hopefully this session will continue to grow as more assessment and accreditation research is published throughout the upcoming year.

Round 2

AABI 301: AABI Safety Criteria

Join AABI's Safety Committee Co-Chairs Ken Carson and Randy Babbitt with a panel of safety experts to discuss best practices related to collegiate aviation safety programs. Criteria requires that all AABI programs with a lab have a verifiable safety program that incorporates the pillars of Safety Management Systems. Note: This session is a required training for new programs looking to complete the AABI Readiness Checklist.

Social Media: A Tool for Assessment and Outreach

This session will explore the use of various social media platforms (i.e. LinkedIn and Instagram) for both assessment and outreach activities. Learn how to effectively track your program's alumni as they embark on their aviation careers to meet the criteria requirements of AABI 3.2.4. This session will be jointly led by Gail Avendano, faculty member from Southern Illinois University and Carly Shukiar, manager of Fleet Sales and former Brand Ambassador for Piper Aircraft.

Navigating the Accreditation Process: Sharing Best Practices and Lessons Learned

This panel presentation brings together representatives from all types of AABI-accredited aviation programs to discuss best practices and lessons learned during their latest accreditation cycle. Panelists will share insights on obtaining institutional support, collecting evidence to support the criteria and hosting the visiting team. This session offers a unique opportunity to explore effective approaches, share experiences, and shape the future of aviation accreditation across diverse institutions.

Plan now to attend!

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