

Bylaws

ARTICLE I Name, Mission

Section 1.1 Name—The name of the organization shall be the **Accrediting Council for Collegiate Graphic Communications, Inc.** hereinafter sometimes called the *ACCGC* or the *Council*.

Section 1.2 Mission—The mission of the Accrediting Council for Collegiate Graphic Communications, Inc. is to provide viable, credible, and defensible accreditation standards that can be used by colleges and universities offering graphic communications programs, thereby:

- (a) Developing and strengthening graphic communications programs at the collegiate level.
- (b) Helping to enhance and maintain quality of instruction through periodic review.
- (c) Stimulating the exchange of ideas between academia and industry.
- (d) Providing recognition to those collegiate programs that achieve and maintain acceptable standards.

ARTICLE II Legal Status and Structure

Section 2.1 The Accrediting Council for Collegiate Graphic Communications, Inc. is established as an independent, voluntary, not-for-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”).

Section 2.2 No part of the net earnings of the Council shall inure to benefit any Director, officer, or other individual, whether upon dissolution of the Council or otherwise (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Council to carry out one or more of its purposes).

Section 2.3 No part of the activities of the Council shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Section 2.4 The Council shall neither participate nor intervene in any political campaign (including the publication or distribution of statements) on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for political office.

Section 2.5 The Council shall not have the power to issue capital stock.

Section 2.6 In no event and under no circumstances shall the Council make any distribution or expenditure, engage in any activity, hold any assets or enter into any transaction whatsoever not permitted of a corporation exempt from federal income tax under 501(c)(3) of the Code or the

effect of which under applicable federal laws then in force will cause the Council to lose its status as an organization to which contributions are deductible in computing the net income of the contributor for purposes of federal income taxation under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

Section 2.7 The Council shall maintain at its principal office a copy of its application for exemption and all tax returns filed with the Internal Revenue Service. To the extent required by law, such documents shall be made available during regular business hours for inspection by any person requesting to see them.

ARTICLE III Board of Directors

Section 3.1 Authority—Subject to any limitations set forth elsewhere in these Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation of the Council, the affairs of the Council shall be under the general direction of a Board of Directors which shall administer, manage, preserve, and protect the property of the Council.

Section 3.2 Number and Term—The Board of Directors shall consist of a minimum of eleven (11) voting Directors and a maximum of nineteen (19) voting Directors (the actual number to be determined from time to time by a resolution of the Board of Directors). The Directors shall be divided into two categories (which categories need not reflect a pro-rata composition of the two [2] categories of Board members described in Section 3.3 (b) herein). To aid the Board, there shall also be such ex-officio designees as may be designated and/or invited from time to time by the Board of Directors (ex-officio designees shall be nonvoting). The initial Directors and their terms shall be as listed on *Exhibit 1* attached hereto. Other than the initial Directors, each Director shall serve for a term of three years or until such Director's successor has been duly elected and qualified or until the Director's earlier death, resignation or removal. No Director shall be eligible to serve more than three consecutive elected terms. A person may become eligible to serve on the Board of Directors again after a period of two (2) consecutive years has elapsed. Membership on the Board of Directors is held by elected individuals, not institutions, associations or corporations. Board membership is non-transferable, but a non-voting ex-officio designee may attend at the request of an absent Director, subject to approval of the majority of the seated quorum.

Section 3.3 Elections—

- (a) The Board initially shall be composed of persons elected by a transition committee for the ACCGC. Thereafter, all new Directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Membership of the Board of Directors will be composed of two (2) categories of Directors to include a maximum of eight (8) individuals who are employed in the graphic communications industry and a maximum of eleven (11) individuals employed as college or university graphic communications faculty who each possess a minimum of three (3) years of full-time teaching experience in higher education. Up to three (3) community, technical, or junior college-level graphic communications educators representing associate degree programs may be members of the education category.