

### Monday – September 14, 2026

Yours Truly 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

**9:30 am – 10:00 am – Morning Beverages & Snacks (not breakfast)** (Room 12)

**10:00 am – 11:00 am – Members Only Session** (Room 9 & 10) – Only for ASPA members, their staff and board

**Zach Waymer**, Executive Director, Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors

#### **11:15 am – Official Start of Conference (All Attendees)**

**11:15 am – 12:15 pm – Taming the AI Frontier: Governance for Professional and Specialized Accreditors** (Room 9 & 10)

- ★ Understand the risks of inaction including data exposure, loss of institutional knowledge, and reputational risk
- ★ Learn how to audit AI usage and contain risk that can protect your accreditation agency
- ★ Review specific strategies to ensure your accreditation agency can safely and responsibly embrace the future of AI

**Emily Vandermade**, Accreditation Coordinator, Commission on English Language Program Accreditation

**Jeff Reiter**, Chief Executive Officer, RWK IT Services

**12:30 pm – 1:30 pm – Lunch** (Room 12)

**1:45 pm – 3:30 pm – Campfire Conversations: Peer Discussions on Accreditation Issues** (Rooms 9 & 10 and 11)

- ★ Accreditation Travel Costs
- ★ High-Stakes Testing
- ★ Mergers and Acquisitions
- ★ Innovations

**Kevin Connell**, Assistant Director of Accreditation, Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

**3:30 pm – 3:45 pm – Snack Break** (Room 12)

**3:45 pm – 4:45 pm – Rounding Up the Latest: Federal and State Policy Developments** (Rooms 9 & 10)

- ★ TBD

**Jon Fansmith**, Senior Vice President for Government Relations and National Engagement, American Council on Education

**5:00 pm – 6:30 pm – Reception** (El Chalet)

### Tuesday – September 15, 2026

**7:30 am – 8:30 am – Breakfast** (Room 12)

**8:30 am – 9:30 am – Changing the Trail: Implementing Modern Board Governance** (Rooms 9 & 10)

- ★ TBD

**Nell Ard**, Chief Accreditation Officer, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing

**Denise Roosendaal**, Vice President, Association Management, Smithbucklin

**9:45 am – 11:00 am – Prospecting for Value: Using Outcomes Practices to Drive Improvements** (Rooms 9 & 10)

- ★ TBD

**Jamie Pak**, Senior Manager, Program Accreditation, Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

**Michael Milligan**, Chief Executive Officer, ABET

**Suzanne Mintz**, Vice President of Accreditation, Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

**Mollie Mulvanity**, Deputy Director, Council on Education for Public Health

**Leanne Worsfold**, Senior Strategic Partner, Innovation and Strategy Planning, Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Staying on the Right Side of the Law: Antitrust and Collusion Risks (A Legal Perspective)** (Rooms 9 & 10)

- ★ TBD

**Kendra Harrington**, Director, Residency/Fellowship Education and Accreditation, American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education

**John Przepyszny**, Partner, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reach LLP