

# Urgent Call for Nominations- Commissioners

## Nominations for the Accreditation Commission for Homeopathic Education In North America

ACHENA urgently needs to fill the remaining commission positions with members who have expertise in higher education, educational management and administration and accreditation.

ACHENA accredits both educational institutions and programs offering instruction in homeopathy. The Commission was formed in 1982 (as the Council on Homeopathic Education) to establish and maintain the quality and integrity of the profession and is governed by elected volunteers. ACHENA is in the process of seeking recognition from the U.S. Department of Education as a specialized accrediting agency. This recognition would be an acknowledgement of our expertise in ensuring quality education and allow programs to access federal student aid funds.

### Accreditation Defined

Accreditation is a voluntary peer review process that identifies and acknowledges educational programs and/or institutions for achieving and maintaining a level of quality, performance and integrity based on educational and professional standards.

### Standards of Accreditation

- Are set by practitioners and educators in the profession.
- Are designed to encompass diversity in curriculum competencies and organization - as well as methods of instruction - to reflect the diversity in professional practice.
- Are continually reviewed to ensure they reflect the most current practices and ethical guidelines.
- Are based on regulations set forth by the U.S. Department of Education for accrediting bodies.
- Include complaint and appeals procedures to provide due process related to the interpretation of standards for individuals, programs and schools.

### The Following Positions are Open for 2011:

Commissioners (3-4). ACHENA is currently seeking specific expertise and skills in:

- Education, higher education, educational management and administration (does not have to be homeopathy)
- Accreditation (does not have to be homeopathy)
- Website development and management
- Accounting, budgetary process, financial records

### To be eligible as a candidate for a Board of Director position the following criteria apply

- Be committed to attend all Board Meetings (monthly conference calls)
- Actively participate throughout the year (30-40 hours per month)
- Assume Board leadership roles
- Support the mission, vision, values, and goals of ACHENA
- Fairly consider other points of view, make constructive suggestions, reach consensus, and help the Board make decisions that benefit homeopathic education, the ACHENA, or others served by the ACHENA mission.
- Represent and promote ACHENA to individuals, the public, Industry and other organizations

### Any person may nominate an individual, including oneself.

Submit all nominations electronically to [info@achena.org](mailto:info@achena.org). Please include name, contact information, and a brief summary of why you feel this person will make a qualified member of the Board of Directors. Please see [achena.org](http://achena.org) for more info.