



ADI ENewsletter

ADI Board Committees - Updates

Standards Committee

The new Standards Committee will work over the next few months to ensure that there are three distinct, but complementary documents as follows:

- a) Standards of Practice
- b) Accreditation Manual
- c) Guidance Notes

Our aim is to ensure that these documents are as clear as possible and that all the Standards are in one place (the Standards of Practice) and don't 'creep' into other documents by default. We want to make the accreditation process easier to follow and as logical as possible for our members.



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In addition to this task, the Standards Committee will work on the following priorities for 2019/20:

1. Build on the past work of the Merge group to tidy-up and, where appropriate, review the existing standards and guidance notes.
2. Review and synchronize the PTSD standards and guidance notes.
3. Develop wider Psychiatric Service Dogs standards.
4. Work on the development of trainer competencies.

The work will be undertaken by four sub-groups and these are now up and running.

Peter Gorbing
Chair – Standards Committee

Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee comprises Jeanine Konopelski from CCI, Erin Conley of Freedom Service Dogs, and Sandra Venohr of Vita Assistenzhunde. The Committee is currently providing input into the development of the new ADI website. Future goals will be to develop some ADI marketing materials in both print and digital medium that can be used by the members.

Richard Lord
Chair - Marketing Committee

Education Committee

The Education Committee had its first meeting on April 9. Attending the meeting were Sheila O'Brien from America's VetDogs, Sally Irvin from ICAN, Bonnie Bergin from Bergin University, Amy Thurmond Patriot Paws, Laura Watamanuk from PADS and Moto Arima from Hearing Dogs of Japan.

At this meeting some priorities were set.

1. The ADI Conference
 - a. Recommendations of Keynote speakers
 - b. Recommendations for panel participants
 - c. Recommendations for other presentations
2. The creation of a subcommittee to support candidate programs
 - a. Development of benchmarks
 - b. Design and implement a mentoring program to assist candidate programs
 - i. Explore Incentives for mentors
3. Develop a Continuing Education Program for all members

- a. Monthly "Call to Meeting" presentations, Podcasts etc.
- b. A vehicle to showcase best practices
- c. A library of successful procedures and supporting documents that can be shared

This committee will try and meet monthly and will report its progress to the Board of Directors.

Sheila O'Brien
Chair - Education Committee.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee held its first meeting April 11th. The Committee's role is to promote and provide guidance on ADI membership and retention around the world including organizations that are outside the regional chapters. It will also conduct the annual review of the ADI bylaws.

All Regional chapters are ideally on board and the current composition of the Committee already reflects this requirement. Rod Haneline and Lori Stevens are both from North America, Letticia Mincham from Oceania and Danny Vancoppernolle from the European Chapter. And last but not least, William Chen represents Asia.

The members, together with ADI's executive director Chris Diefenthaler have first set the priorities for 2019. In decreasing order of importance these will be the annual update of bylaws, the identification of outreach areas for potential new members, research into other potential membership types and a review of the current Candidate Nomination Application requirements. During its first meeting the Committee also reviewed the current membership benefits. Danny (ADEu) and Letticia (ADI Oceania) will review those for their region and send possible additions. The Committee also saw into questions concerning a Candidate Membership application in the light of the three guiding principles for ADI membership.

The date set for the next meeting is May 14th. We will keep you informed !

Danny Vancoppernolle
Chair - Marketing Committee

If you would like to be involved in any of these committees, please send your committee nomination application form to chris@assistancedogsinternational.org. You must be on the staff or board member of an ADI accredited member program. The Member's Area of the website contains more information on the committees and the nomination application form.

[Member's Area ADI Website](#)

New Website

The finish line is almost here! ADI and the Marketing Committee have been working very hard the past three months on the redesign and improved function of our website.

The Marketing Committee is asking for programs to submit your program's images/photos to potentially be selected for all the areas within the new website.

Do you have a fantastic photo that would add gravitas and color to the new website?

Well, we want to see it as long as:

- It is bigger than 1200 pixels
- Features one of your teams or dogs in action
- Tells a thousand words!
- Is poignant or humorous
- Clearly identifies a dog in jacket or harness
- Has written permission to be used on the ADI website by any person in the photo



Please send your photos that meet the criteria via drop box using the following link by May 20, 2019

If you haven't submitted your photo, please use the link below:

[Submit Program Photo Website](#)

ADI Conference Updates

September 8-11, 2019 - hosted by ICAN in Indianapolis, Indiana

ADI and ICAN have lined up a fantastic program and keynote speakers for this year's conference. Below are a brief highlight of two of our keynote speakers. In the June ADI ENewsletter, we will feature additional keynote speakers.



Philip Tedeschi, LCSW MSSW



Philip Tedeschi is the executive director of the Institute for Human-Animal Connection and a clinical professor at the Graduate School of Social Work. He is globally recognized for expertise in the clinical methods of animal-assisted Interventions and coordinates the school's animal-assisted social work certificate program for Master of Social Work (MSW) students, as well as the animals and human health professional development certificate program. He studies and teaches on the intricate relationship between people, domestic and wild animals, and the natural world. Tedeschi's

research, scholarship, presentations, training and community practice work have focused on human-animal interactions, conservation social work, human ecology, and causes of violence toward people and animals.

Philip Tedeschi will offer a keynote talk focused on the research from his new edited volume: [Transforming Trauma: Finding Resiliency and Healing through our Connection with Animals](#). This presentation will review some of the important ways that animals are being incorporated into clinical responses to trauma and offer new insights into why animals can be a highly effective strategy for intervention into developmental trauma, post traumatic stress and crisis responses. Highlights will include exploration into the interpersonal neuro-biological explanations for how to integrate animals into therapeutic settings and ethical considerations of including animals in trauma response.

Dr. Gayle Watkins



Dr Gayle Watkins is the founder of Avidog University, providing professional education to dog breeders, trainers and puppy raisers around the world. Gayle's passion is raising healthy, stable dogs and she herself has been breeding, training, working and competing with dogs for over 40 years. During this time, she has trained thousands of working, competition and companion dogs in Europe and the US. Her breeding program has produced SAR, service and therapy dogs, plus over 135 sport champions. She is one of the few breeders to be honored as American Kennel Club Breeder of the Year three years running in three different sports!

Raising Puppies to Be Brave (and Healthy): The Power of the Dog's First 12 Months

Have you ever wondered why some puppies make it and others don't, despite similar breeding and rearing methods? This keynote will help us understand this phenomenon through the lens of early canine development from the prenatal period into adolescence. Using current science from many fields and canine venues, we will layout a coherent development plan that provides all of the right experiences while avoiding the wrong ones each step of the way. Then we'll discuss tailoring this basic program to each pup's temperament, a tweak that enables pups to gain even more and thus be more successful, since pups are not all created equal but all can be equally successful!

Conference registration and hotel room block information will be sent out in early June!

Two New Facebook Groups

ADI Communications and Marketing Group



A new ADI Facebook private group has been created to connect ADI Accredited members and Candidate programs. Communications and Marketing Staff are invited to join the new FB page to discuss issues related to internal and external program communications. To find this group on Facebook, search for "ADI Communications and Marketing Group" and click on "join group." You will be asked to provide the name of the ADI program member that you are employed.

ADI Prison Based Training Group



A new ADI Facebook private group has been created to connect ADI Accredited members and Candidate programs Prison Based Training and Program Staff. Staff are invited to join the new FB page to discuss issues related working with inmates, prison staff and general operations. To find this group on Facebook, search for "ADI Prison Based Training Group" and click on "join group." You will be asked to provide the name of the ADI program member that you are employed.

Don't forget to join our other closed Facebook pages: ADI Directors Group, ADI Puppy Raiser Managers, and ADI Trainers Group.

Accreditation "TIPS" Corner

Two accreditation requirements that are closely related but often cause problems or confusion for programs are 1.11 and 5.3 (section numbers from the 2019 Accreditation Manual.)

Section 1.11 states, "The program has a current organizational chart showing formal lines of responsibility. Program's job descriptions match the organizational chart."

Section 5.3 states, "The program has written job descriptions for staff and volunteers, including board members with clear reporting lines reflected on the organizational chart."

The organizational chart and the job descriptions must be consistent with each other. For every job description, there should be a position on the organizational chart, and each position on the organizational chart should have a corresponding job description. Additionally, to whom a person reports as written in the job description should match the lines of responsibility on the organizational chart.

For more information to understand why this is important and how an assessor will measure compliance, please [Click Here](#).

New Candidate Programs

Congratulations on the following new Candidates approved since the last newsletter:

California Service Dog Academy
Canine Support Teams
Got Your Six Support Dogs
Paws of War
Shelter to Soldier

Please extend a warm welcome to all our new Candidate programs as they are working towards their accreditation status.

