

## Roles and Expectations of the Network Governing Body

The state coordinator and the members of the state network governing body form the key leadership for the ACE State Network at the state level. Each state coordinator and state network governing body is linked to the ACE WNEC through a member of the ACE Women's Network Executive Council who serves as a liaison to ACE. In addition, the chair of the WNEC and the director of the Inclusive Excellence Group, communicate on a regular basis with the state coordinator and, through her, to the state network. Starting in 2012, the WNEC and the director of the Inclusive Excellence Group will hold quarterly conference calls with state coordinators in order to share information and best practices.

The state network governing body should be composed of a variety of women college and university administrators from across the state and should represent the diversity of administrative positions held by women in the state. The geography of the state, the many types of women administrators working in the state, and representation of women of color should be among the criteria considered as selections and appointments are made.

Basic expectations of the members of the state network governing body are as follows:

- Identify a strong network of IRs and establish strong connections with these IRs across the state.
- Encourage the IRs to pass along information about the network and advancement opportunities to all women on their campus.
- Serve as a state repository for the information regarding women administrators that has been collected by the IRs at each campus.
- Establish connections with all women presidents in the state.
- Provide statewide leadership for the identification of women who aspire to leadership roles in higher education and encourage women to apply for senior-level positions.
- Develop strategies, initiatives, programs, and statewide or regional meetings that focus on women's leadership development in the state and provide opportunities for women in higher education throughout the state to develop a network that provides mentoring and professional development activities for senior women, new administrators, and women aspiring to administrative positions.
- Provide information on and encourage participation in national leadership development programs sponsored by ACE (e.g., National and Regional Women's Leadership Forums, the ACE Fellows Program, Advancing to the Presidency, the Spectrum Executive Leadership Program, and the ACE Institute for New Chief Academic Officers), as well as programs sponsored by other organizations.
- Nominate women for administrative positions.
- Create a leadership succession plan for the position of state coordinator and for the members of the state network governing body.
- Provide visibility throughout the state for the discussion of issues that continue to hinder women from attaining their full leadership potential as administrators in higher education.
- Involve women and men at the state level who influence and shape educational policy.

The state network governing body should develop strategies that meet the specific needs of women in higher education within the state.