

Appropriate Panelist Behavior

- Conduct yourself professionally. Throughout your appointment as a member of an External Review Panel you are representing the Committee on Accreditation, the American Library Association, and your institution. Remember that to many whom you meet, you embody our profession.
- Any contact with the program should be through your panel chair, unless your chair has given you specific direction to contact someone in the program (e.g., to make a plane reservation).
- Remember that the process is confidential, even after the accreditation decision is made public. Do not discuss the details of the program presentation and the visit. It is not appropriate to talk about who said what about whom. While on the review visit, be sure that any discussions among the panel about impressions or findings are held in a private setting.
- During the site visit, do not make pronouncements for the COA. The Committee on Accreditation makes the accreditation decision and any recommendations; the panel does not. Your ERP chair is the designated spokesperson for the panel and will communicate strengths and weaknesses of the program to selected representatives of the program.
- Consider carefully before engaging in any contact with those associated with the program you're reviewing(s)z94()-2.53536(R)0.62252776.167 -13.810.6417(i)-ph
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