TAPAC at ITAA’s Virtual Conference

Attention ITAA members! TAPAC has planned two special activities for you during the 2020 ITAA Virtual Conference.

- **Workshop on Writing the TAPAC Self-Study Report – Tuesday, Nov. 17, 3:00-5:00 p.m. E.S.T.**

  This workshop is designed for program representatives and faculty planning for or in the process of preparing their Self-Study Report for TAPAC accreditation review and site visit. The focus is on preparing the Self-Study Report and related materials to most effectively communicate how the program addresses and meets TAPAC Accreditation Standards. Attendees are advised to bring their self-study drafts and questions to the workshop.

  Part 1 will include a presentation by Dr. Kim Hiller, Program Representative for Kansas State’s TAPAC Accredited Apparel and Merchandising program. Kim will discuss her program’s strategies for completing their self-study.

  In part 2, each participant will be assigned to a Breakout Room where questions related to a specific standard will be discussed. TAPAC Board of Commissioners members will also be assigned to Breakout Rooms to address questions raised by the participants. Attendees will bring their drafts and questions for guidance in writing their self-studies.

  **Registration is required for this workshop.** Workshop fees are $75.00/person for faculty from TAPAC Affiliate Member Programs; $150.00/person for faculty from non-TAPAC Affiliate Member Programs. Registration by November 3 is encouraged to allow participants to be assigned to the Breakout Room(s) of their choice. Later registration is permitted, but we cannot guarantee assignment to the Breakout Room of their choice. Please see ITAA Conference Registration [https://itaaonline.org/event/2020tapacworkshop](https://itaaonline.org/event/2020tapacworkshop) to register for this workshop. Upon registration Dr. Warfield will be in touch with you with further details. If you
have questions about the workshop, please contact Dr. Warfield at 
 executive_director@tapac-online.org.

- **Special Topic Session: Accreditation Reviewers – Tips and Best Practices for the Accreditation Review Preparation, Process, and Report – Friday, Nov. 20, 4:00-5:30 E.S.T.**

This Special Topic Session is designed for anyone interested in serving as a TAPAC Accreditation Reviewer, whether or not you have already submitted an application to become a reviewer. Following presentations on **Preparation for an Accreditation Review**, the **Accreditation Review Site Visit**, and the **Accreditation Review Report**, session participants will be divided into teams. Presenters will work with the teams to discuss and respond to questions about the topic presented. The goal is to help prepare ITAA members for the role of a TAPAC Accreditation Review Team member and/or to help ITAA members understand the training and expectations of the TAPAC Accreditation Reviewers who may be assigned to their program to conduct a TAPAC Accreditation Review.

All ITAA members who have applied to become TAPAC Accreditation Reviewers are encouraged to attend this Special Topic Session. The session is also open to other ITAA members who may be considering whether or not to apply to become reviewers and/or whose programs are considering TAPAC Accreditation. Additionally, this session would be useful for ITAA members who may be serving or considering serving as Program Review Team Members for ITAA member programs.

Presenters include Dr. Andy Reilly, TAPAC President, University of Hawai`i, Mānoa; Dr. Kathleen Rees, TAPAC Past President, Texas A&M University-Kingsville; Dr. Rinn Cloud, TAPAC Treasurer, Baylor University; Dr. Tammy Kinley, TAPAC President-Elect, University of North Texas; Dr. Sherry Schofield, former TAPAC Board of Commissioners member, Florida State University; Dr. Missy Bye, TAPAC Board of Commissioners, University of Minnesota. All Presenters have served as TAPAC Accreditation Review Team members.

For more information about either the Workshop or this Special Topics Session, please contact Dr. Carol Warfield, TAPAC Executive Director, executive_director@tapac-online.org.