

**ACI-NA Commercial Management Committee  
Participation Plan  
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**Committee Name:** ACI-NA Commercial Management Committee

**Mission Statement:**

The ACI-NA Commercial Management Committee is the forum for the discussion and development of policies and programs that relate to airport non-aeronautical revenue. The main non-aeronautical sources at airports are parking and airport access, in-terminal concessions, rental car operations, land rental, and advertising. Committee members focus on creative sources of non-aeronautical revenue and new ways to enhance and entice the airport experience of traveling passengers.

The Commercial Management Committee collaborates with various other ACI-NA committees with input regarding non-aeronautical revenue topics, and assists in coordination of selected initiatives. Annually, the committee completes the ACI-NA Concessions Benchmarking Survey that allows airports to evaluate best practices of airports based on similar size or geographic location. In addition, the leadership of the committee assists ACI-NA with the coordination of the annual ACI-NA Business of Airports Conference and the Excellence in Airport Concessions Awards.

**Purpose:**

- To share ideas and exchange information among fellow airport concessions and commercial properties professionals.
- To initiate and complete an annual work plan of projects that will benefit the airport industry as it relates to concessions and commercial properties matters.
- To assist ACI-NA with the coordination of the annual ACI-NA Business of Airports Conference.
- To assist ACI-NA with the coordination of the annual Airport Concessions Awards.
- To actively provide the ACI-NA Board and other ACI-NA Committees with input regarding concession and commercial property issues, and to coordinate selected initiatives.
- To facilitate the development of commercial opportunities in all areas of non-airline revenue development.

**Committee Structure:**

**Officers:**

- Chair – one year term; should have a minimum of three years on the Steering Group, and must be an airport employee. (Must have been the Vice Chair in the year previous.)
- Vice-Chair – one year term; should have a minimum of two years on the Steering Group and must be an airport employee. The Vice-Chair becomes the Chair in the following year.
- Second Vice-Chair - one year term; should have a minimum of one year on the Steering Group and must be an airport employee. The Second Vice-Chair becomes the Vice-Chair in the following year.
- Board Liaison Representative – appointed by the ACI-NA Chair each year.

- Commissioner's Liaison— a member of the Commissioner's Committee may be nominated by that committee to serve as a liaison between the Committee and the Commissioner's Committee. (optional)

### **Steering Group:**

The Steering Group shall consist of a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 35 members including:

- 5 Committee Officers
- 1 Committee Past Chair (Optional)
- 1 Board Liaison
- 1 Commissionaire Liaison (Optional)
- 2-20 Airport Member Representatives
- Should include Chairs of any Working Group
- Only one representative from each airport
- 2-9 Associate Member Representatives
- 2 Young Professionals, one airport member and, one WBP/associate member, both must be under 35 years old during term

### **Terms:**

- Steering Group members may serve a term of up to 4 consecutive years, after which, the member must take one year off, subject to the following exception:
  - Time served as an Officer or Past Chair is not included in the 4 year term.
- The Airport and Associate organization/company must take one year off, before coming back on the Steering Group.
- The Airport Member Representatives and the Associate Member Representatives have staggered terms so that approximately 25% of the Representatives are up for nomination each year. Accordingly, as part of the first year nomination process, the Representatives shall be given terms of one to four years, first based on the nominee's preference, and then as determined by the Officers. Members with initial partial terms may be re-nominated after the partial term to serve one additional 4 year term.
- Only one representative from an airport and only one representative from an associate's company may participate on the Steering Group at any one time. This excludes the Past Chair position as it is an "optional" position and Committee participation may be minimal, and Young Professionals.

### **Concessionaire Representatives to the Steering Group :**

- The Commercial Management Steering Group Observer was established in order to build up an efficient and accurate communications platform between airports and concessionaires.

- The observer position is only open for major concessionaires among ACI-NA's members (Platinum and Beyond). Observers must hold a Vice President or higher position from Associate/WBP members.
- If someone from the same Associate/WBP member is a current Steering Group member, there will not be an observer position for that WBP/Associate member. The valuable experience and knowledge of the concessions industry of the observers will be of great assistance as the steering group tries to identify and solve the challenges that face the entire industry.
- Commercial Management Steering Observers are treated equally as an elected Steering Group member, thus invited to all Steering Group meetings and receive the same communication as other Steering Group members from the appropriate ACI-NA staff member.
- Please contact the appropriate ACI-NA staff member if you need additional clarification or would like additional information regarding the Commercial Management Steering Group Observer.

### **Working Groups:**

- Each Working Group will have a Chair and Co-Chair who will be appointed by the Officers.
- Chairs must be an airport member.
- Chairs may serve up to a two year term with the co-chair taking over the position once the chair has completed their term.
- Chair responsibilities: Formulate an annual work plan, coordinate conference calls and communication with interested members, and present the work plan and progress reports at Steering Group meetings.

### **Working Group Member Participation:**

- ACI will email information concerning the Working Groups and request member participation.
- Committee members may participate in any Working Group.
- ACI will forward interested member participation lists to the Working Group Chairs.
- Working group members must participate on scheduled conference calls and can be removed upon the discretion of the working group Chair if participation needs are not met.

### **Formation of Working Groups:**

- New Working Groups may be initiated as deemed necessary by the Committee's Officers/Leadership Team.
- Working Groups may be discontinued or inactivated by the Steering Group if there are no pertinent issues to be discussed or the Working Group does not have an annual work plan.

### **General Membership:**

- Any employee of an airport member or an associate member of ACI-NA can join the Committee by notifying the appropriate ACI-NA support person who will place them on the distribution list.

**Steering Group Meetings:**

- Annual Business of Airports Conference
- Annual Conference & Exhibition
- Monthly Conference Calls

**Nomination and Election Process:**

- The Nomination Committee shall be chaired by the past Chair of the Committee and will include the Committee's Officers/Leadership Team.
- By September 1 of each year, ACI-NA will, in coordination with the past Chair, circulate a request for nominations for the open Steering Group positions.
- The Nominee's will be contacted to confirm their desire and commitment to participate on the Committee, if elected.
- The Nomination Committee will then review all applications received and process the nominations.
- Terms shall run from January 1 through December 31 each year.

**Steering Group Succession:**

- If the Chair resigns during the year, then the Vice Chair will assume the Chair position for the remainder of that term, and may serve in this position for an additional year.
- If the Vice Chair resigns during the year, then the Second Vice Chair will assume the Vice Chair position for the remainder of that term, and may serve in this position for an additional year.
- If the Second Vice Chair resigns during the year, then a special election may be held for that position or the Officers may select one of the airport representatives from the Steering Group to fill this position and the individual may serve in this position for an additional year. If an election is held, the Nomination Committee and ACI staff will handle this process through an electronic ballot to the Committee members.
- If a Steering Group vacancy arises during the year, the position may be filled at the option of the Committee's Officers.