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Association for Information Systems Withdraws from CSAB

Baltimore, MD — Effective September 2009, the Association for Information Systems (AIS) has withdrawn its membership in CSAB, Inc., the lead society within ABET, Inc., for accreditation of programs in computer science, information systems, software engineering, and information technology. The withdrawal will have no effect on information systems (IS) programs accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET nor on IS programs seeking accreditation or reaccreditation in the future. The withdrawal will also have no effect on current IS program evaluators or visit team chairs. AIS became an associate member of CSAB in 2002.

“CSAB led IS accreditation before AIS was a member society, and CSAB will continue to be the lead ABET member society for IS programs,” says CSAB President Patrick J. Walsh, Ph.D. “In this capacity, CSAB has responsibility for the development of IS accreditation criteria, the selection and training of IS program evaluators, and the nomination of IS members to the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET. AIS’s withdrawal will have no effect on CSAB’s status or role within ABET and the ABET accreditation process.”

CSAB’s founding member societies, the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and the IEEE Computer Society (IEEE-CS), remain active participants in and dedicated supporters of CSAB. Both societies have IS expertise within their membership, including special interest groups, and both have committed to assist in leveraging this expertise for CSAB.

CSAB, Inc., serves as a participating body of ABET, Inc., with three members on the ABET Board of Directors. CSAB is the lead society within ABET for accreditation of programs in computer science, information systems, software engineering, and information technology, and is a cooperating society for accreditation of computer engineering, biological engineering, and information engineering technology. In this capacity, CSAB has responsibility for the development of accreditation criteria and for the selection and training of program evaluators.

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