



COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN THE COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE ACCREDITING BODY**

**TIMELINE & PROCESS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>February 2020</b>	The Commission on Accreditation (COA) Policy Committee begins exploring and generating recommendations on updating 2010 CSWE-COA MOA.
<b>October 2020</b>	COA Policy Committee presents recommendations to COA, CSWE leadership, and CSWE Board chair.
<b>January 2021</b>	COA Policy Committee representatives meet with CSWE staff, CSWE leadership, and CSWE Board chair to solicit input and feedback on draft MOA; discuss collaboration between COA, CSWE Board of Directors, and CSWE leadership.
<b>Spring / Summer 2021</b>	MOA responsibility transitions from COA Policy Committee to COA Executive Committee, CSWE Board of Directors Executive Committee, and CSWE Leadership.
<b>September 2021</b>	CSWE Board of Directors Executive Committee, COA Executive Committees, and CSWE leadership meet with accreditation attorney and consultant Elise Scanlon to discuss expectations of governance architecture between the parent organization (i.e., CSWE) and accrediting function (i.e., COA); recommends assessment of governance architecture between the two bodies to ensure compliance with standards of the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).
<b>October 2021</b>	CSWE Board of Directors Executive Committee and COA Executive Committee appoint members to the newly formed Governance Architecture Committee (GAC), including representatives from the CSWE Board of Directors, COA, and CSWE leadership. The GAC was charged to advise CSWE on how to articulate the relationship between the Council on Social Work Education and the Commission on Accreditation in its governance documents, to its membership and to the public.

<b>Fall 2021 / Winter 2022</b>	GAC develops governance architecture plan, including bylaws assessment and drafting MOA.
<b>June 2022</b>	CSWE members approve a bylaws revision establishing CSWE Accrediting Body as distinct from CSWE commissions and councils.
<b>July 2022</b>	Draft MOA reviewed by CSWE accreditation attorney, Ken Ingram, and accreditation consultant, Elise Scanlon.
<b>August 2022</b>	CSWE Board of Directors and COA receive draft MOA for comment and questions; Board and COA leadership engage in dialogue and respond to questions.
<b>October 2022</b>	MOA signed and adopted.
<b>November 2022</b>	GAC expands to include two members from CSWE Commission on Educational Policy and CSWE Vice President of Education.
<b>January 2023</b>	MOA revised to clarify approval of Educational Policies and Accreditation Standards.