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ECE Announces Four New Board Members

New members bring extensive experience in higher education and international business

Milwaukee, Wis. – March 1, 2021 – [Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.](#) (ECE®), a nonprofit organization that evaluates foreign educational credentials, recently appointed four new members to its board of directors.

As a voluntary group comprised of professionals with extensive experience in higher education, business, international education, and certification, board members play a critical role in ECE’s charitable and global education initiatives.

New board members include:

- **Elena Anderson-de Lay:** (Term 2021-2023) – Anderson-de Lay is on the board’s governance and finance committee. Her core expertise is in international organizations and global mobility.
- **Arthur Coren:** (Term 2021-2023) - Coren is on the board’s committee for human resources. His expertise is in higher education and business relations within various global markets.
- **Joanna Graham:** (Term 2021-2023) - Graham is on the board’s renewal committee. Her expertise is in higher education, certification, and marketing.
- **Kris Olds:** (Term 2020-2022) – Olds serves as secretary of the board of directors and is also on the board’s renewal committee. His expertise resides in the globalization of higher education.

As students and professionals across the globe become increasingly mobile, recognizing foreign credentials is critical to creating a fully utilized labor market. Organizations like ECE can help students and professionals alike to obtain the necessary credential evaluation reports to pursue international studies and employment. This is especially relevant in the healthcare field, where institutions are experiencing pandemic-induced shortages. ECE supports the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) and College of American Pathologists (CAP) compliance for foreign educated point-of-care testing (POCT) staff.

“Recognition of international educational credentials has been a global challenge for years,” said Margit Schatzman, ECE president. “We’re pleased to be a part of opening doors for international study as we recognize the power these foreign-educated individuals can bring to education, the workplace and society. The addition of new board members is another step toward elevating ECE solutions and our 40-year tenure to support academic institutions, hospitals, associations, and professionals in their global pursuits.”



Board members typically serve a three-year term and may serve up to six consecutive years. To learn more, visit www.ece.org/ECE/About/Board-of-Directors. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the ECE office is currently closed to visitors.

About Educational Credential Evaluators

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit located in Milwaukee, Wis. Founded in 1980, ECE evaluates foreign educational credentials of individuals for the purposes of studying or working in the U.S. and studying in Canada. ECE reports give individuals from other countries the recognition they deserve for education completed in their home countries and give higher education institutions, employers, healthcare organizations, and licensing boards confidence that educational equivalencies between countries are accurate. ECE's mission is to promote the betterment of individuals' lives and society by ensuring that educational qualifications are fairly and accurately recognized across borders. Launched in 2016, ECE Aid is a charitable initiative developed to provide free evaluation reports for vulnerable and displaced populations. In addition to providing reports, ECE team members provide ongoing training and support to the international education community.

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