



# AccredNet 2026 Conference

Staybridge Suites | 9141 E. Hummingbird Lane, Scottsdale, AZ 85250 USA

## AGENDA

Tuesday, May 5 - Evening Social | Meet and Greet at Hotel Lobby  
Drinks and Appetizers

### Day 1: Wednesday, May 6

Time	Session Title	Purpose & Course Description	Speaker(s)
8:00 – 8:30	Welcome & Opening Remarks	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Set the tone for the conference, introduce participants, and outline objectives.</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Attendees meet AccredNET leadership, review the schedule, and hear an overview of the national accreditation landscape.</p>	Ed Burkhammer, President, AccredNet Chief Mike Pooley, AACOP President (Welcome to AZ)
8:30 – 9:30	Leveraging Technology to Maximize Limited Resources	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Explore how state accreditation programs can use technology to improve efficiency, organization, communication, consistency, and overall program management when staffing is limited.</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Discussion will include software platforms, automation, templates, dashboards, collaborative tools, document management, training delivery, and other emerging technologies that help programs work smarter with limited staff.</p>	Stacy Olson, ALEAP
9:30 – 10:30	Keynote: Your Black Swan Is Someone Else's Grey Rhino	<p>Introduction: Ed Burkhammer, President, AccredNet</p> <p>In this program, Gordon will explain how to “recognize” the real risks you face. And he will give you some thoughts on how to “prioritize” these risks. And finally, he will show you how to “mobilize” (act) to do something about the real risks you face in your organization.</p>	Gordon Graham
10:30 – 10:45	Break	—	
10:45 – 12:00	Establishing a Sustainable Program Framework	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Create a structured forum for each state to share program successes, highlight what’s working well, and identify their most pressing needs.</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Each state representative will have a brief, timed opportunity to spotlight key wins, share challenges, and outline areas where they need support or collaboration. This session establishes a shared foundation for the deeper discussions that follow throughout the conference.</p>	Todd Clingenpeel, Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch	—	
1:15 – 1:45	Vendor 1 Presentation	Lexipol Presentation	Mark Anderko

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1:45 – 3:00	<b>What Matters Most in Managing State Accreditation Programs</b>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Facilitate open, collaborative dialogue about the core elements that define effective accreditation program management — from the standards we build to the people and tools that bring them to life.</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Building on the morning's state spotlights, this facilitated group discussion will explore four critical areas of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Developing meaningful standards,</li> <li>2. Conducting quality assessments,</li> <li>3. Cultivating skilled assessors, and</li> <li>4. Leveraging technology to support program operations.</li> </ol> <p>Rather than formal presentations, this session is designed for honest conversation. A time for sharing what's working, what's not, and what we can learn from each other.</p>	Ed Burkhammer, Ohio
3:00 – 3:15	Break	—	
3:15 – 4:15	<b>Ensuring Ongoing Compliance and Consistent Assessments</b>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To examine strategies that ensure ongoing agency compliance and consistent, fair accreditation assessment. Using the Assessment Verification Analyst model in Arizona; open discussion regarding how other states are monitoring compliance before the end of the reaccreditation period.</p> <p><b>Description:</b> This session focuses on tools, processes, and best practices that support continuous compliance and promote consistency across assessments.</p>	Stacy Olson, ALEAP
4:15 – 4:45	Vendor 2 Presentation		
4:45 – 5:00	<b>Wrap-Up &amp; Announcements</b>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Summarize key takeaways and preview Day 2.</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Debrief, reminders, and networking updates.</p>	Ed Burkhammer, President, AccredNet
6:00 – 8:00	<b>AccredNet Member and Vendor Dinner</b>	Join us for a relaxed networking night at PopStroke Scottsdale—our group will have a private event space with chef-inspired food and drinks, plus optional mini golf on their 36 holes of putting courses. Arizona casual encouraged.	<a href="#">PopStroke</a>

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### Day 2: Thursday, May 7

Time	Session Title	Purpose & Course Description	Speaker(s)
8:00 – 9:15	<b>Morning Recap &amp; Highlights</b>	<b>Purpose:</b> Review Day 1 and set focus for Day 2. <b>Description:</b> Group recap and shared insights.	Ed Burkhammer, President, AccredNet
9:15 – 10:30	<b>Keynote: The Future of Law Enforcement Accreditation</b>	<b>Purpose:</b> Inspire and inform participants about national trends and the evolving role of accreditation. <b>Description:</b> The keynote will address emerging challenges, political and societal expectations, and the value of national collaboration.	DOJ/COPs Office
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Break</b>		
10:45 – 11:30	<b>Program Level Leadership and Operations</b>	<b>Purpose:</b> Build stronger leadership and operations skills for state accreditation Directors and Program Managers by sharing professional development options. <b>Description:</b> Professional development programs for program managers and show how global learning and “staff ride” experiences can improve day-to-day program leadership.	Harry Delgado, Accreditation Program Director (NJ)
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Vendor 3 Presentation</b>		
12:00 – 1:00	<b>Lunch</b>	—	
1:00 – 2:00	<b>Stronger Standards, Lower Risk: Protecting Agencies and Pools Alike</b>	<b>Purpose:</b> Understanding and building on the intersection of risk pools and accrediting bodies. <b>Description:</b> This session explores how accreditation aligns agency standards with risk pool priorities to reduce liability, strengthen accountability, and promote long-term stability..	Chief Dan Brown (ret.), Winslow Police Department
2:00 – 3:00	<b>Conferences, Specialized Training, and PAC's</b>	<b>Purpose:</b> Explore how to use targeted training opportunities, and Police Accreditation Coalitions to strengthen stakeholder engagement, professional development, and program growth. <b>Description:</b> Beyond the day-to-day work of managing standards and assessments, accreditation programs build their reputation and expand their reach through the events they host, the training they deliver, and the partnerships they cultivate. Participants will discuss what's working, how these efforts support program sustainability, and practical strategies for launching or strengthening these initiatives within their own states.	Jen Jacques, Florida (?)
3:00 – 3:15	<b>Break</b>	*Optional: Set up “stations” for roundtable discussions	

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3:13 – 4:15	National Resource Collaboration	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Improve assessment management and quality control by <i>sharing models and tools that help programs stay consistent.</i></p> <p><b>Description:</b> Members will <i>share pre-submitted resources</i> (analyst/verification models, assessor training, final report formats, and QA workflows), then discuss what’s working and what others can adapt right away.</p>	Stacy Olson, ALEAP
4:15 – 4:45	Vendor 4 Presentation		
4:45 – 5:00	Wrap-Up & Announcements	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Summarize key takeaways and preview Day 3.</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Debrief, reminders, and networking updates.</p>	Ed Burkhammer, President, AccredNet

## Day 3: Friday, May 8

Time	Session Title	Purpose & Course Description	Speaker(s)
8:00 – 11:30	AccredNet Business Meeting   Building a National Network	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Revisit key themes and prepare for strategic planning.</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Group reflection led by AccredNET leadership.</p>	Ed Burkhammer, President, AccredNet
11:30 – 12:00	Closing Session & Open Forum	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Reflect on lessons learned and identify next steps.</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Open discussion on partnerships, future conferences, and collective goals.</p>	Ed Burkhammer, President, AccredNet

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