



## ANNUAL REPORT STATEMENT FOR 2024

The fiscal year for the ABET Bridge is the calendar year, January 1 through December 31. This report includes an overview of activities during 2024.

### BRIEF HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

The ABET Bridge was established with a separate governance structure by the ABET Board of Directors in 2008, and it was granted the use of ABET's intellectual property. The ABET Bridge was incorporated under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code on May 22, 2008. Initially, there were three board members, and the initial by-laws were adopted on December 17, 2009. Since then, the by-laws have been amended three times, addressing issues such as term lengths for officers, increasing the number of directors, and clarifying the terms of service for board members.

The ABET Bridge's mission statement, current officers, board members and additional information can be found on the ABET Bridge website: <https://www.abetbridge.org/>.

The ABET Bridge Board conducts its work through semi-annual virtual meetings and email correspondence. Standing and ad hoc committees are established as needed to support governance and operational priorities.

### ACTIVITIES

ABET Bridge offers workshops to institutions and consulting services to individual programs on ABET policies, operations, and accreditation criteria. These services aim to help programs prepare for and undergo evaluation for accreditation by one of ABET's commissions. ABET Bridge Coordinator assigns consultants from a pool of well-qualified former ABET commissioners to assist programs in this process.

In addition to accreditation-related services, ABET Bridge provides assistance to institutions in establishing new programs, including curriculum development. While this service falls outside the scope of accreditation, many of ABET Bridge's consultants from academia possess expertise in this area. ABET Bridge collaborates with the American Society of Engineering Educators to offer these services.

In 2024, ABET Bridge received 17 inquiries for consulting services and advising services were in progress or competed for 21 institutions.

### Governance Highlights

During 2024, the ABET Bridge Board continued strengthening its governance and operational practices. David Kelly was re-elected to serve as President and Karan Watson was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer for additional two-year terms. The Board also approved additional ABET Bridge advisors and continued implementing enhancements to the advisor program, including updated application expectations, revised terms and conditions, clarification of advisor eligibility requirements and continuation of the waiver of the initial advisor training fee. In addition, the Board reviewed the advising fee structure, discussed improvements to client satisfaction surveys and explored opportunities to recruit advisors with expertise in additional disciplines.

To strengthen organizational visibility and support future growth, the Board also initiated a comprehensive update of the ABET Bridge website, including refreshed advisor application materials, annual reports, award information and online donation capabilities. Communication and marketing support activities were expanded during 2024 to increase awareness of ABET Bridge services, awards and advisor opportunities.

## **FINANCES**

For 2024, revenue from all activities equaled \$142,990, which included \$92,890 consultation revenue, \$40,500 Self Study Review revenue and \$9,600 workshop revenue. At year end, total reserves equaled \$186,972.

ABET Bridge continued operating on a financially sustainable basis during 2024 while supporting its consulting, workshop and advising activities.

## **SUPPORT OF ABET**

ABET Bridge continued supporting ABET's mission through –support of the ABET Innovation Award and the Claire L. Felbinger Award for Diversity and Inclusion. These awards recognize individuals and organizations making significant contributions to engineering and computing education while advancing innovation and inclusive excellence within the professions.

During 2024, the Board also continued discussions regarding enhancements to the ABET Bridge website, donation management processes and communication efforts to increase awareness of ABET Bridge programs and services.