

## **ACCA GOVERNANCE**

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## **ACCA COUNCIL**

At the heart of ACCA's governance structure is Council, a group of 36 elected members, all ACCA qualified, who collectively form the governing body that is responsible for ACCA strategy and ultimately accountable to members. Council determines the direction which ACCA should take and defines ACCA's response to developments within the industry and beyond. Council members represent all ACCA members, rather than those from their own region.

Council members are elected for a term of three years and can serve on Council for a maximum of nine years.

The functions and responsibilities of Council and its members' code of practice can be found at: [http://www.accaglobal.com/documents/code\\_practice.pdf](http://www.accaglobal.com/documents/code_practice.pdf)

## **ACCA INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

ACCA's International Assembly (IA), accountable to ACCA Council, was first established in 1997 and acts in an advisory capacity to Council. Since Assembly members are elected by ACCA members resident in the countries which comprises their individual constituencies, they are also accountable to local members.

The Assembly now consists of six representatives of Council (the President, Deputy President and Vice President and three members elected by Council) together with 54 members representing 42 countries and regions. The term of office for IA members is two years. The President/Chairman of an existing members' network is automatically the IA representative for that country. Where a country has two seats of the Assembly, the President/Chairman and his or her Deputy (or other Officer where no Deputy is in place) will serve on the Assembly.

For the code of practice of International Assembly members, please refer to the AGM book 2008 at <http://www.accaglobal.com/documents/agm2008.pdf>

### **ACCA HONG KONG COMMITTEE**

The Committee of Hong Kong comprises of 18 members who are elected by members in Hong Kong at the annual general meeting. Committee members are elected for a term of two years and can serve on the Committee for a maximum of eight consecutive years. The Office Bearers of the Committee are the President, Deputy President and the Vice President. Council members from Hong Kong and Hong Kong IA representatives are ex-officio members of the Committee.

The role of the Committee is to advise Council, the Chief Executive and the Head of the Hong Kong Centre on matters relating to:

- strategic development;
- current and future issues affecting Members in Hong Kong;
- raising ACCA's profile and enhancing its reputation in Hong Kong;
- new ideas and topics which may be addressed through courses, publications and other services; and
- technical issues and consultative documents.

For the Hong Kong centre constitution, please go to: <http://www.hongkong.accaglobal.com/pubs/hongkong/members/information/constitution/constitution.pdf>