Certification Feasibility Task Force Charge:

This task force will look at the feasibility of ARCS offering a certification program for educational programs and/or in association with On Contract. The task force will examine issues related to this, such potential legal liability for ARCS, and needs for long term maintenance of the program. Additionally, the task force will look at other associations’ certification programs to see how a program through ARCS would fit into the larger picture of the field. The task force will conclude with recommendations to the Board about how to establish such a program, what the program might look like, and the pros and cons of the program so that the Board can decide if this is a program that can and should be pursued.

Certification Feasibility Task Force Member Term:

July 2021 - June 2022
Eligible for renewal if charge has not been completed

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:
- Support the charge of the task force
- Attend task force meetings, approximately monthly
- Meet objective deadlines as set by Chair

ORGANIZATIONAL OBJECTIVES:
- Prepare a report for the Board that provides guidance and recommendations for next steps on establishing a certification program
- Ensure that a new certification program would incorporate IDEA principles and practices
- Ensure that a new certification program would protect ARCS legally and be a sustainable, maintainable program
- Meet the needs of ARCS members by investigating the feasibility of a certification program to help show their qualifications

PROGRAM FUNCTIONS OR OBJECTIVES:
- Liaise with other committees and task forces to understand how the program might fit into the ARCS structure. The groups to be consulted include (but not limited to):
  - Education Committee and Sub-Committees
  - Advocacy Committee
  - Finance Committee and Sub-Committees
  - Executive Committee
- Perform a cohort analysis on other organizations in the field such as AAM, AASLH, AIC, and others of similar programs to determine what is included in those programs and what is missing
- Perform a financial analysis of the program to show how much a program would cost to host and how much revenue it may bring in
- Investigate the legal implications of the program