**Right of Appeal (AAA Handbook 2013, Part II, pp. 10, 11)**

An appeal can be submitted to the International Board of Education on actions related to the approval of new programs or programs undergoing substantive changes.  Appeals regarding accreditation are submitted to the Adventist Accrediting Association.  The reasons for the appeal must be predicated on one of the following: the team or Board drew their conclusions based on inaccurate information, the team or Board failed to follow procedure, or the team/Board acted unprofessionally (for example, through conflict of interest, prejudice, etc.).

*Right of Appeal—Division.* Any action of the division board involving a specific institution or program may be appealed by the same in writing, through the respective division education committee, within 90 days of notification of such action. Such an appeal may be supported by a representation of no more than three persons before a meeting of the board. The board, in closed session, shall then render its decision.

Within 90 days of the Division Board of Education and/or Executive Committee issuing a decision, the involved institution may request reconsideration of the decision by the division education committee provided the request is based on new information. Such review may be supported by representation of no more than three persons appearing before a meeting of the division education committee. The division education committee in executive session shall then render its final decision. If, after the final decision is rendered by the division Education Committee, the matter is not resolved, written appeal by the institution may be made to the International Board of Education/AAA, through the General Conference Department of Education which shall have discretion to determine whether to accept the appeal for review.  The Department of Education may recommend an independent assessment of the proposal and make a recommendation to IBE/AAA based on its independent conclusions.

*Right of Appeal—Site Visit Report.* Applying institutions can appeal the overall conclusion of the on-site team by writing a response to the team report within 90 days of receipt of the final report.  This will only be considered by the International Board of Education/AAA if the appeal is to the major recommendation on approval of the proposed new/changed program.  Disagreement with other statements in the report may be documented, but these will not constitute an appeal.  Any appeal should succinctly identify the reasons for disagreement with the findings of the site team, provide supporting evidence for the request for a differing conclusion, or where the team did not follow procedure, and must be submitted within 90 days of the completion of the original report, and at least 10 working days prior to the meeting of the IBE/AAA.  Such an appeal may be supported by a representation of no more than three persons before a meeting of the board. The board, in closed session, shall then render its decision.

*Right of Appeal—IBE/AAA.* If the International Board of Education/Adventist Accrediting Association changes the recommendation of the on-site team to the detriment of the applying organization, that organization can appeal the Board action by submitting a written request for a reconsideration of the action within 90 days of receiving notification.  This request must provide reasons, with supporting documentation attached, for why the Board action is considered unfair by the organization.  This appeal will be considered at the next meeting of IBE/AAA.  Such an appeal may be supported by a representation of no more than three persons before a meeting of the board. The board, in closed session, shall then render its decision. In extreme and far-reaching decisions, further appeal may be made to the General Conference Executive Committee.