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VIA EMAIL & FEDERAL EXPRESS  
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Mr. Edward Karstetter, CEO  
Scandinavian Aviation Academy  
1835 North Marshall Avenue  
El Cajon, CA 92020

***Re: Accreditation Withdrawn – Final Action  
ACCET ID # 980***

Dear Mr. Karstetter,

This letter is written to advise you that the withdrawal of accreditation of Scandinavian Aviation Academy by the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) was affirmed by the ACCET appeals panel at the July 18, 2018 appeals hearing. The Accrediting Commission withdrawal of accreditation in its letter, dated April 27, 2018, cited findings of non-compliance under ACCET Standards for Accreditation, along with specifying an opportunity to appeal the decision. The institution submitted its request to appeal and subsequently provided its appeals brief and exhibits on July 9, 2018.

Upon review of the institution's written appeals brief (dated July 9, 2018), the oral presentation and exhibits provided by representatives of both the institution and ACCET, the appeals panel unanimously voted to affirm the Commission's decision to withdraw the accreditation of Scandinavian Aviation Academy, based on violations cited under Standard III-A Financial Stability, as referenced in the enclosed decision of the appeals panel. The appeals panel found that the institution failed to provide documented evidence to demonstrate compliance with Standard III-A, specifically regarding submission of annual financial reporting requirements. Therefore, the decision to withdraw the accreditation of the institution is a final action. It is noted for the record that the Commission acknowledged the appeals panel's decision to withdraw the accreditation of Scandinavian Aviation Academy after its consideration of the written record, including the appeals brief, the PowerPoint presentation, and exhibits provided by the institution and ACCET for the appeals hearing.

As a closing note, the institution has the opportunity to provide a narrative to the Commission's action within 15 days of receipt of this letter. ACCET reserves the right to redact any inappropriate or inflammatory comments prior to posting the response on the website. It remains our hope that the accreditation process has served to focus the institution's resources and commitment towards strengthening its operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William V. Larkin".

William V. Larkin, Ed.D.  
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Decision of the appeals panel

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July 18, 2018

**In re: #980 Scandinavian Aviation Academy**

**AFFIRM DECISION  
Re: Withdrawal of Accreditation  
while on a Show Cause Directive**

Appeal of the decision of the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) at its April 2018 meeting to withdraw the accreditation of Scandinavian Aviation Academy, located at 1835 North Marshall Avenue, while the institution was on a show cause directive.

**DECISION OF THE APPEALS PANEL**

Having considered the record before the Accrediting Commission when it made its decision in this case at its April 2018 meeting, as supplemented by the institution's written appeals brief, dated, July 9, 2018, as well as the presentations and exhibits provided by the institution's representative (Mr. Edward Karstetter, CEO) and ACCET's representative (Ms. Megan Ackerman-Yost, Senior Accreditation Coordinator) at the hearing before the Appeals Panel on July 18, 2018, the members of the Appeals panel unanimously find, with regard to the citation outlined in the April 27, 2018 Commission action letter, as follows:

Based upon the argument and information presented in the appeal brief, dated July 9, 2018, and the presentations and exhibits provided at the hearing on July 18, 2018, the Panel affirmed the findings in the Commission's decision letter of April 27, 2018, including those cited under:

- Standard III-A Financial Stability

The Appeals Panel found that the institution failed to provide documented evidence to demonstrate that the institution was in compliance with the ACCET Standard for Accreditation identified above and in the Commission's withdrawal letter, dated April 27, 2018. Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the members of the Appeals Panel to affirm

the Commission's decision conveyed in the April 27, 2018 Commission's letter withdrawing the accreditation of the institution while the institution was on a show cause directive.

The institution is advised that it may request to reapply for ACCET accreditation 12 months after the date of the Commission's notice of withdrawal on April 27, 2018, in accordance with ACCET Document 11 – Policies and Practices of the Accrediting Commission.

APPEALS PANEL

by

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Ms. Nadine Baladi  
Chairperson

CONCURRING

Dr. Brad Boute  
Mr. Larry Lewis