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The Board of Certification for Certified Organizational Ombudsman Practitioners®

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Accomplishments in 2016

▶ 106 current CO-OP®-certified individuals
▶ 25 people took the CO-OP exam in 2016, with a 92% pass rate; 15 people were certified by CO-OP, 7 were denied.
▶ Six Certified Organizational Ombudsman Practitioners achieved recertification in 2016 and two YTD in 2017.
▶ No appeal cases in 2016 and one in 2017.
▶ No ethics violations were reported.
▶ The Board presented a proposal for Office Accreditation to the IOA Board of Directors in November 2016. A motion put forward in March 2017 was not passed.
▶ CO-OP expenses exceeded revenue in 2016 due to expenses related to new exam design.
▶ All CO-OP Committees completed new job descriptions.
▶ Completed Job Analysis (May 2016) for Ombudsman role resulting in new domains for revised CO-OP exam. Item Writing Workshop took place in March 2017. New exam will launch in October 2017.

Priorities for 2017

▶ Launch new exam in October
▶ Launch office accreditation (if approved)
▶ Enhance communication and outreach by implementing the CO-OP Communication Plan

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