



Standards of Excellence for Conferences

Explanation of Documentation

Instructions to Complete Forms

Link to Presentation Video: [2022 SOE Overview for Conferences-YouTube](#)

Opening Prayer

Let All We Do Be Done Through You

Father in heaven:

In this holy season of Advent we long for the fullness of salvation, for ourselves and for our world; into the darkness of winter, send the light of Your Son.

Guide us in our meeting today,
so that everything we do might begin by Your inspiration, and be carried out through Your grace,
so that all of our intentions and actions might seek only Your service and well-being of our fellow Vincentians and the neighbors we serve.

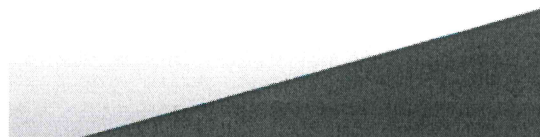
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- Tim Howe, S.J.

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Background: Resolution 63

Standards of Excellence
Procedures
Resources



For video: Watch until 2:52.

[SOE Background Explanation-Mike Syslo](#)

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SOE Commentary and Notes

Supportive reference for questions

- The Rule
- The Manual
- Bylaws
- National Governance Committee

35-page document available on website

[Commentary & Notes](#)

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Resolution 114/114A

Found on page 35

- Approved by National Council in 2013
- Quick identification of issues needing to be addresses
- Protects legal status as non-profit organization
- Needs compliance by conferences & councils

The Growth & Revitalization Committee is committed to helping conferences in the assessment process.

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Standards of Excellence - SOE Questionnaire

- ☐ Invite & Inform Members of Meeting Date
- ☐ Plan 30-45 minutes at meeting for assessment
- ☐ Provide members with Pages 2-4 in advance
- ☐ If needed, refer to Annual Report, Bylaws, Minimum Requirements
- ☐ Take notes on input from members for each section
- ☐ Record comments or action plan for coming year
- ☐ Include date & names of members present at meeting

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Closing Prayer

For Help to Complete a Task

Lord, it is often easier to begin a project than to see it through to the end. Often, we are distracted by other worries or concerns, or we are met with unforeseen challenges or difficulties.

We know, Lord, that certain tasks need to be finished and we ask for Your inner voice of encouragement to help us reach our goals. Help us to complete these tasks that will work for our good and the good of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Help us experience a sense of accomplishment in our work that we may enjoy greater energy and enthusiasm. Help us always to do our best.

We ask this with confidence and trust in You. Amen.

Adapted: Prayers for Many Special Occasions by The Pallottines

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