

## AGENDA ITEM IX-M

Consideration of adopting the Certification Advisory Council's recommendation to the Board relating to a request from Southwest School of Art for a Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

### Background Information:

The Southwest School of Art (SSA) in San Antonio seeks approval for a Certificate of Authority to award a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree in Art. SSA was incorporated as the Southwest Craft Center in 1965. The first adult community art classes began in 1970. The school's name was shortened to the Southwest School of Art in 2010. SSA's mission is to teach, preserve, and advance the visual arts. SSA expands the creative potential of their community and connects cultures of the world through participatory learning experiences. The BFA degree would continue this mission.

An on-site evaluation was conducted at SSA on July 18-19, 2013. The Coordinating Board's Certification Advisory Council reviewed the evaluation team's report and SSA's response to the evaluation report at its September 5, 2013, meeting. The Council recommends approval.