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ACCT Board Meeting

The ACCT Board of Directors will have their next conference call on July 16, 2015. Please feel free to contact your board representative to learn more about the meeting topics.

If you have questions regarding the Board, please contact Executive Director, James Borishade, at james@acctinfo.org.

ACCT ANSI Update

The second appeal has been submitted to ACCT on behalf of PRCA opposing the ACCT ANSI Standard. This appeal is being heard on July 3rd by a fair and impartial panel. We anticipate hearing the results of the appeal within 30 days from the appeal date and will keep members informed as to the results of the appeal. As always, ACCT is working diligently to finalize our proposed ANSI standard and look forward to sharing good news with you in the near future.

2016 Conference

The **26th Annual International ACCT Conference & Expo**, to be held at the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort & Spa in Austin, Texas, from January 28th thru January 31st, 2016, is sure to be a great time!

Conference Theme Contest!

Austin, Texas, is sure to be a heel-kickin' good time and the 2016 ACCT Conference Committee wants to get you involved. They would like to hear your suggestions for this year's conference theme.

Please share your thoughts via the link below and the Conference Committee will take a vote!

<http://www.jotform.us/form/51756360565157>

The winner will be listed in the 2016 conference program!

The location is different than any location we have ever been in before. It has a lot of outdoor space, livestock on the premises, the Colorado River running at the edge of the property, and the McKinney Roughs Challenge Course as their neighbor. The ACCT Conference Committee is looking to get you involved! Share any great ideas you may have and/or participate in the 2016 Conference Theme Contest! Feel free to share your ideas with our Events Manager, Melissa Webb, by submitting them to melissa@acctinfo.org.

2016 Conference Theme Contest!

The Conference Committee would like to hear from YOU about what you think might be an awesome theme for the 26th Annual International ACCT Conference & Expo in Lost Pines, Texas. Please share your thoughts via the jotform link below and the Conference Committee will take a vote!

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The 2016 Conference Scholarship Application is now available!

Three people have the opportunity to receive an ACCT sponsored scholarship to attend the 2016 Annual International ACCT Conference & Expo in Austin, Texas. The scholarship will cover conference registration fees, a pre-conference workshop, and a meal plan – lodging, travel, and other meals are not included, and will be the responsibility of the attendee. The scholarship selection will be done by the conference committee.

Application Requirements Include:

- Education, Experience, and/or Goals demonstrate an intention for a continued career in the Challenge Course field (programming, training, building, etc.)
- Interest in projects, etc. that contribute to the Challenge Course Industry (above and beyond employment in the field)
- Past experiences demonstrate passion for the Challenge Course industry
- Need for financial assistance

Click [here](#) to apply!

Service Crew: Participation in the Conference Service Crew can help reduce the cost of registration. Service Crew members, “Yellow Hats,” assist in many areas of the conference operations. Interested persons must submit an application, found on the ACCT web site. Service Crew members are expected to work up to 17 hours during the conference. In return, registration fees will be reduced. Apply [here](#) to be a member of the 2016 Service Crew team in Texas! Yee haw!

The ACCT Conference Registration Brochure is going digital! That’s right, no more wasted paper! We’re excited to announce that this year ACCT will be conserving resources by releasing our Conference Registration Brochure in digital format.

We feel this is a responsible and smart choice regarding how to effectively use the resources at our disposal. As we consider our members’ needs, however, we recognize that some members have a strong preference for a paper registration brochure. If you feel that your needs will be best met by continuing to receive a registration brochure in the mail, [please let us know no later than July 1, 2015.](#)

To make your request known and provide your mailing information to us, [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#). We'll be happy to mail your brochure to you once it is ready for release later this summer.

Advertising, Exhibitor, & Sponsorship information will be coming out THIS WEEK! Thank you for your patience while we have worked to get our new process up and running. Please keep an eye out for the email notification that will be coming out soon!

Click on the link below for the 2016 Prospectus for Exhibitor and Sponsors.

<http://acctconference.com/exhibition/>

Upcoming ACCT Conferences:

- The 27th Annual International ACCT Conference and Expo will be held at The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa in Savannah, Georgia, February 2–5, 2017.

For questions regarding workshops, exhibiting, or the conference in general, please contact the Events Manager, Melissa Webb, at events@acctinfo.org.

2015 ACCT Research Grant Winner

by the Research Advisory Committee

The Association for Challenge Course Technology and the Research Advisory Committee are pleased to announce that the 2015 ACCT Research Grant has been awarded to Dr. David Schary, Ph.D., M.P.H., and his "Winthrop Inspiring a New Generation of Students (WINGS): Increasing the Long-Term Outcomes of Challenge Course Programs" project. They would also like to thank all of those that submitted proposals. There were many qualified applicants that we hope to see apply again next year.

Congratulations, Dr. Schary! We look forward to seeing the results of your research.

Upcoming ICE Testing

Provided by the ACCT Department of Operations

Singapore Testing Dates

The ACCT Professional Vendor Member community of Singapore will be hosting the first "international" offering of ACCT's Inspector Certification Training and Testing August 31st – September 2nd at Republic Polytechnic in Singapore. This offering has been custom tailored for staff within the Ministry of Education and is specific to Level 1 In-House Inspector Certification exclusively.

Registration for this event opened on **June 15th** and is being managed online at www.acctcertifications.com. Please feel free to contact Joyce Weaver joyce@acctinfo.org directly if you have any questions.

Pennsylvania Testing Dates

In cooperation with the Pennsylvania Amusement Ride Safety Seminar scheduled for November 2015, ACCT will once again be offering Inspector Certification prep and testing. This year, ACCT will be offering the full compliment of testing for all ACCT Inspector Certification levels (Level 1 In House or Professional, level 2 In House or Professional and Supervisor Endorsement).

Registration for this event opened on **June 15th** and is being managed online at www.acctcertifications.com. Please feel free to contact Joyce Weaver, joyce@acctinfo.org, directly if you have any questions.

New Advertising Opportunities

As of April 2015, ACCT began providing new advertising opportunities in our monthly ACCT Clipboard. There are also quarterly opportunities for advertising in the quarterly association newsletter, Parallel Lines. Please contact trudy@acctinfo.org for an Advertising Kit or for more information.

