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ACCT Board Meeting

The ACCT Board of Directors will have their next conference call on October 21, 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.

Letter from the Board of Directors

Dear ACCT Membership-

The Board of Directors would like to provide our members with an update on the ACCT's proposed ANSI Standard. Since the completion of the ballot work by the Consensus Group and the Standards Writing Committees, we have been hearing appeals from the PRCA. We have hosted 2 appeal sessions with contracted appeal panelist who are experts in the ANSI system and are from outside the Challenge Course industry. The ACCT believes that we provided more than the required amount of opportunity for the PRCA to have their issues heard through our ACCT appeal process.

I am pleased to report that ACCT's BSR-9 form has been submitted to ANSI's Board of Standards Review (BSR). The BSR9 form is the document used to transmit the final submittal of a candidate American National Standard to ANSI.

NEW!! ACCT Calendar Contest

We're excited to announce that we're making the first ever ACCT Calendar and we want it to feature YOU!

ACCT Members may submit their photos through October 5th, 2015

[Click here to visit the contest page for an easy, online entry form!](#)

Everyone, regardless of membership status, is welcome to vote for their favorites on October 12th-18th, 2015 via Facebook.

For a full contest description and the Official Rules, please see page 3.

Submissions due October 5th, 2015!

Vote on favorite photos October 12th – 18th, 2015!!

The ANSI Board of Standards Review (BSR) will review our files and do one or more of the following:

- Approve ACCT's Standard as an American National Standard
- Request additional information
- Send us a list of things to complete

We are prepared to answer additional questions from ANSI throughout their review process. We will continue to keep you all updated on the progress of our BSR-9 submission and look forward to the ACCT Standard becoming an American National Standard as soon as possible.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Micah Henderson

Board Chair, Association for Challenge Course Technology



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2016 Conference Update

We're only four months away from the **26th Annual International ACCT Conference & Expo** and registration is OPEN! This year's conference will be held at the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort & Spa in Lost Pines (Austin), Texas, from January 28th thru January 31st, 2016. Go to www.acctconference.com and register TODAY!

The ACCT Conference Committee is looking to get you involved! Participate in the **2016 Conference T-Shirt Contest!** YOU could design this year's conference t-shirt! **Just e-mail us your submission by October 15th, 2015.** All current ACCT members will have an opportunity to vote on the design they like. The t-shirt with the most votes will be selected as our 2016 Conference T-shirt!

Our 2016 conference theme:

Deep in the Heart of ACCT!

Rules: Please submit your design in **.pdf format** along with your name, phone number, and mailing address.

E-Mail submissions to membership@acctinfo.org

Submissions due October 15th, 2015!

Vote on a design from October 15th – 31st, 2015!!

If you have any other fun ideas, please feel free to share them with our Events Manager, Melissa Webb, by submitting them to melissa@acctinfo.org.

Apply NOW for the 2016 Conference Scholarship!

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.

Scholarship applications due October 14, 2015

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 has gone digital! We’re pleased to announce that this year’s ACCT Conference Registration Brochure has been released in digital format. It can also be found at www.acctconference.com.

Advertising, Exhibitor, & Sponsorship information is NOW AVAILABLE! For the 2016 Exhibitor and Sponsorship Prospectus, please click on the link below.

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

To register click [HERE](#) or visit www.acctconference.com. For more information about advertising, exhibiting, or sponsorship opportunities please contact ACCT Exhibit Management at asaavedra@hpnglobal.com or 480.998.9770 ext. 228.

The ACCT Conference Committee is excited to present our demonstration track. Ideal for individuals and

companies looking to provide more hands-on experience with products and / or services.

This is your chance to gain more exposure for your company, your products and your services. Savvy exhibitors and presenters can use these demo opportunities to put themselves “on stage” at the show. The demonstration should be educational in nature, and not only a sales “pitch” for your product or service. It should be viewed as a product and/or service clinic for your customers and prospects, giving them something of value to use in their business.

[2016 Demo Workshop Application](#)

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.

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- *Installation & Inspection*
Photos of challenge courses, aerial adventure parks, and zip line/canopy tours (both built and in-progress) and the teams that build, inspect, and maintain them.
- *Training & Certification*
Photos of active learning and professional development experiences for all levels and types of industry practitioners.

- Facilitators & Guides

Photos of quality program delivery happening with practitioners in the field on challenge courses, aerial adventure parks, and zip line/canopy tours.

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The Official Rules

- 1) Person/organization submitting the photo must be a current member of ACCT.
- 2) Person/organization submitting entry photo must have all rights and permissions to publish said photo, including possession of any photo releases of subject(s) if needed.
- 3) All photos submitted must be a resolution of at least 2000 x 1600
- 4) ACCT has the right to edit photos to adjust such properties as image dimensions, resolution, color balance, etc.
- 5) Each organization or member may submit up to three photos: one photo in each category.
- 6) All photos must reflect adherence to ACCT and related industry standards, especially as they relate to participant and employee safety.
- 7) Acceptance of submissions will begin at 12:00am on September 21st. **All submissions must be received no later than 11:59pm CST on October 4, 2015**
- 8) Once all submissions are received, ACCT will review all entries and compile a selection of photos that reflect the association and its members to be placed in an online contest for public voting via multiple social media platforms.
- 9) Voting will begin at 12:00am October 12th and end at 11:59pm October 18th.
- 10) ACCT reserves the right to make the final determination on which photos are placed in calendar.
- 11) Winners will be officially notified by Monday, November 2, 2015
- 12) Winners will receive a complimentary printed copy of the ACCT 2016 calendar.
- 13) ACCT reserves the right to use the submitted photo(s) in future ACCT publications and social media, crediting the person who contributed the photo accordingly.

Share the love (and the link) with your favorite challenge courses, zip tours, and photographers! If you have any questions, please contact Mandy Stewart from the PR & Marketing Committee at program@nwteambuilding.com. Good luck!

Upcoming ICE Testing

Provided by the ACCT Department of Operations

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.

Advertising Opportunities

Take advantage of the 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.