

## September 2014

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### ACCT Board Meeting

The ACCT Board of Directors meeting will be October 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Please feel free to contact your board representative to learn more information about the meeting topics.

**If you have questions regarding the Board, please contact Executive Director James Borishade at [james@acctinfo.org](mailto:james@acctinfo.org).**

### Update on ACCT ANSI Process

ACCT has completed most of the process and is now in the appeals phase. The appeals process typically consists of the following steps:

1. Notification of one's right to appeal
2. Receive commenter appeal
3. Decide on appeal and send a response to commenter
4. If the commenter is not satisfied with the response he/she has the right to request an appeal hearing.
  - a. The appeal hearing consists of 3 individuals who are not materially affected by the outcome of the process
5. Commenter must be given a deadline to which he/she must notify ACCT of appeal.
6. Receive appeal notification from commenter
7. Determine a slate of potential appeal panelist and forward it to the appellant
8. The appellant must select 2 panelist from the list
9. The respondent must select two panelist from the list
  - a. The appeal panel must consist of 3 individuals.
  - b. Panelist one must be selected by the appellant
  - c. Panelist two must be selected by the respondent
  - d. Panelist three must agreeable to both parties.

10. Once panel is selected an appeal date is scheduled no less than 15 days from notification to appellant
11. Appeal hearing takes place
12. Appeals Panel renders a decision within 30 days from the appeal hearing.

### **Where are we in the process?**

We are currently working on step 10 of 12. We have provided the appellant with our list of panelists and required a response to be given by September 26<sup>th</sup> (10 days after receipt of our notification), which they did. We have also limited the scope of the appeal to only their appeal letter dated in late August 2014.

The appellant will now be sent the final list of panelists and we will schedule the appeal date 15 days out (we already have our 1 panelist and can agree to anyone else on the list). The appeal takes 1 hour via phone call and the appeals panel takes less than 30 days to render a decision.

### **What about ACCT's Proposed ANSI Standard?**

Our staff, board and consensus group have all been working in tandem regarding our ANSI process and I cannot express grateful I am that we have such a good team working together and moving this process forward. With the exception of this appeal, our process is technically complete. Barring any unforeseen surprises from the appeals panel, we will be ready to submit our BSR-9 shortly after this appeal is complete. ACCT would like to wrap this up quickly and by the book so that we are free to submit our BSR 9 to ANSI before the end of the year.

**If you have questions regarding this update, please contact Executive Director James Borishade at [james@acctinfo.org](mailto:james@acctinfo.org).**

### **2015 Conference**

**ACCT has a NEW Conference website!** Go to <http://acctconference.com/> to find information on or learn more about:

- Conference Registration
- ACCT Inspector Certification (ICE) Registration
- Exhibition Opportunities
- Sponsorship Opportunities
- Demo Workshop Application
- Conference Workshops
- Hotel Reservations
- Conference Costs
- Scholarship Application – **Deadline October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**
- Service Crew Application

**Online Registration is now OPEN!** To register, go to <http://acctconference.com/> or <https://www.regonline.com> NOW and take advantage of the Early Bird rate!

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference:** The theme for our Annual International ACCT Conference and Expo, February 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, is "Silver Anniversary Celebration." Please join us as we celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Palm Springs (Indian Wells), CA.

**New Demo Track:** The Demo Workshop application is now available on the new ACCT Conference website, at <http://acctconference.com/>, and will be posted as long as space is available. *There are limited workshop slots so be sure to apply early.* Don't miss this great new opportunity!

A limited number of demonstration workshops will be offered during the general conference workshop sessions, providing a captive audience for all accepted presenters. Interested parties must apply and be accepted before being able to purchase a preferred time slot. This new conference track will provide an opportunity for exhibitors to demonstrate their products and/or services, while also giving attendees a hands-on opportunity to try them out.

#### **Upcoming ACCT Conferences:**

- The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual International ACCT Conference and Expo will be at the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort & Spa in Austin, TX, from January 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
- The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual International ACCT Conference and Expo will be at The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa in Savannah, GA, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Go to the ACCT website at [www.acctinfo.org](http://www.acctinfo.org) for information regarding the upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> Annual International ACCT Conference & Expo. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Special Events Coordinator Melissa Webb at [melissa@acctinfo.org](mailto:melissa@acctinfo.org).

#### **ACCT Clipboard or ACCT Blog?**

***Last month we put this question out to our membership and received limited response that was equally divided. We are extending this survey to get a larger representation of preference. We need to hear from YOU!***

The ACCT is considering moving the content that is published in the ACCT Clipboard into a new ACCT Blog. The blog would be an ongoing source that ACCT content would be posted to as it became available as opposed to released once per month. Members would receive notifications when a new post is made. We want to know what you think! Would you prefer the ACCT Clipboard continuing to be published and sent to members on a monthly basis, or would you prefer to go to the ACCT website at any time and read the information as it becomes available? Please go to the link below and vote! Your opinion matters.



## The ACCT Clipboard

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**If you have questions regarding this survey, please contact Membership Manager Trudy Robbins at [trudy@acctinfo.org](mailto:trudy@acctinfo.org).**