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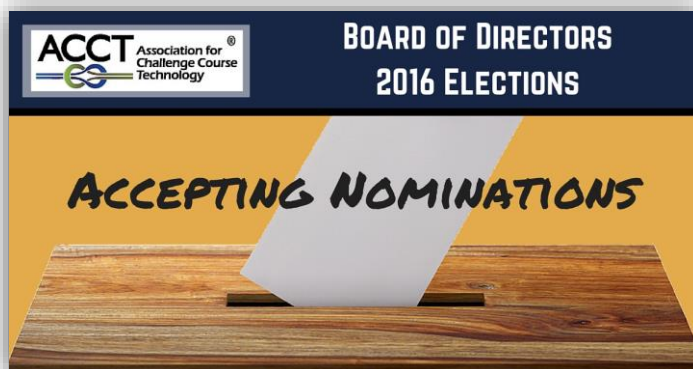
ACCT Board Meeting

The ACCT Board of Directors will have their next meeting on January 20, 2016. Please feel free to contact your board representative to learn more about the meeting topics. If you have questions regarding the Board of Directors, please contact the ACCT Board Chair, Micah Henderson, at micah.henderson@acctinfo.org.

Executive Director Search Update

The job listing and application information for the ACCT Executive Director position was [released to the public](#) on December 4, 2015. The full description can be viewed on several sites, including [here on LinkedIn](#). Interested parties should apply no later than January 15, 2016.

The Executive Director Search Task Force is looking forward to reviewing the many applicants and finding the right person to meet the growing needs of our association. The Board of Directors would like to thank you for your continued support – they'll see you in Texas!



UPCOMING DEADLINES

December 31st

Nominations for Critical Link Award are due

January 4th

Conference registration rates increase
3rd Annual ACCT Awards submissions are due

January 7th

ACCT Hyatt room block reservation cutoff date

January 8th

2016 Board of Directors nominations are due
January 31st ICE registration deadline

January 15th

Draft Aerial Adventure Park Standards first public
review and comment period ends

BoD Nomination Deadline January 8th

Any member of the ACCT may nominate an individual, with that person's permission, to serve on the Board of Directors, and any member may place his/her own name up for nomination for a position on the Board of Directors. This year 3 positions are open for election. Two of those positions are elected by the Professional Vendor Member (PVM) community, while one position is elected by Individual and Organizational members.

Candidates for the Individual and Organizational elected position must be an Individual or Organizational Member of ACCT and may not work for a PVM. Candidates for the PVM elected position do not have to be affiliated with a Professional Vendor Member company, but will be elected by PVMs. [Click here for more information.](#)

Nominees should submit a [Nomination Form](#) and up to date head shot photo no later than January 8, 2016 to Todd Domeck, ACCT Board of Directors Vice-Chair: todd.domeck@acctinfo.org

2016 ACCT Critical Link Award

Do you know an ACCT Member whose contributions to the association have made a positive impact for us all? [Nominate them for the 2016 Critical Link Award!](#)

The Critical Link Award has been given since 2002 to a member of ACCT whose contributions over the years have been seen as significant in the development, maintenance and growth of the organization. The Critical Link Award can go to anyone and is not limited to Professional Vendor Members.

Former award recipients review the final nominees and determine the next winner to be revealed at the 2016 ACCT Conference in Lost Pines, Texas, USA. [Complete the online nomination form by December 31st!](#)

Critical Link Award Winners & Selection Committee

Michelle Liggett	2001 (in 2002)
Randy Smith	2002
Tim Kempfe	2003
Cindi Walker	2004
Bob Ryan	2005
Jeff Boeke	2006
Andrew Hubert	2007
Rich Klanjscek	2008
John Lazarus	2009
Dan Pervorse	2010
Tom Leahy	2011
Bill Weaver	2012
Ken Jacquot	2013
Sarah Oosterhuis	2014
Keith Jacobs	2015



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**SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION
BY DECEMBER 31ST**



3RD ANNUAL ACCT AWARDS

**FOR
OUTSTANDING:**

- Structure Design
- Marketing Promotional Video
- Marketing Collateral
- Fundraising
- Special Event
- Website



SUBMIT NOW!



ACCT Awards Entries due January 4th

It's time to showcase your work to the ACCT community! Entries will be accepted through January 4th in the categories of Outstanding:

- Structure Design
- Marketing Promotional Video
- Marketing Collateral
- Fundraising
- Special Event
- Website

Any works submitted for consideration must have been completed and operational between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015. All submissions will be reviewed by a common jury connected to the Challenge Course/Zip Line industry.

Submissions may be evaluated on creativity, design excellence, and for innovation beyond the current industry offerings. Structure design will be judged on more than just size and scale. Each submission is judged on its own merits- not in competition with others; therefore the jury may or may not award a project in each and every category. The jury reserves the right to make an award to an alternate category outside of the category noted at time of submission. Submissions that do not adhere to the presentation and digital format requirements will not be considered. All judging will be done based on the digital submission only (including any included links).

[Click here for more information and to enter your work!](#)

Annual PVM Symposium

Each year representatives from the Professional Vendor Members are invited to take part in a special symposium to discuss important topics within the industry and association. This year's symposium will take place all day on Wednesday, January 27th, with a follow up open forum meeting taking place the morning of January 28th.

PVMs should expect an invitation with further details and registration information soon!

Inspector Certification Prep & Exam

An Inspector Certification Prep Course will be offered on January 28, 2016 at the conference at [Hyatt Regency Lost Pines](#) in Lost Pines, Texas, USA. Inspector Certification Exams will be offered in Lost Pines on January 31, 2016.

Currently there are 60 people registered and growing!

Registration and payment is now open on the conference website. Participation in ICE requires a [conference registration](#) and a completed application.

INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM PRICING:

- Prep Course \$225
- In-House Inspector Level I \$150
- In-House Inspector Level II \$150
- Professional (Third Party) Inspector Level I \$200
- Professional (Third Party) Inspector Level II \$200
- Supervisor Endorsement (In-House or Professional) \$55

If you have not already done so, [fill out the application](#) and then visit our [conference website](#) to complete your conference registration.

For any questions please contact the Operations Department, Bill Weaver or Joyce Weaver at:

1-800-991-0286 ext. 913 or email joyce@acctinfo.org

Draft Aerial Adventure Park Standards

ACCT recently announced the opening of a public comment period of our DRAFT standard: Aerial Adventure Park Operations Standards! The public comment period commenced on December 18th, 2015 and will close on January 15th, 2016.

To obtain an electronic copy of the DRAFT Standard and Comment Form please send a request by email to: AerialAdventureParkStandards@acctinfo.org



AERIAL ADVENTURE PARK STANDARDS

Draft standards open for review and public comment through January 15, 2016.
Request access via email:
AerialAdventureParkStandards@acctinfo.org

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The graphic features a silhouette of a person rappelling down a rope, with a large red 'DRAFT' stamp overlaid on the image.

2016 Conference Airport Shuttle

The ACCT will be offering a complimentary airport shuttle between the [Austin Bergstrom Airport](#) and the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa during the following times:

- Wednesday, January 27th from 10a – 2p
- Thursday, January 28th from 10a – 2p
- Sunday, January 31st from 7a – 12n.

Please note these shuttles will be offered on a first come first served basis.

2016 Conference Exhibit Hall Spots

There are still a few places open for those interested in exhibiting, but the hall is almost sold out! Contact Andy Saavedra at asaavedra@hpnglobal.com for more information.

Conference Themes & Networking

WEDNESDAY – Jan 27th

Swing by the **Early Arrival Reception** Wednesday night, which is open to all registered attendees. A great chance to meet new attendees or catch up with old friends.

THURSDAY – Jan 28th

Thursday evening join the fun in our reception featuring Keynote Speaker Pete Nelson! The theme for the evening will be **“To the Trees”** which is Pete’s slogan for his popular show on Animal Planet, ‘Treehouse Masters’.

FRIDAY – Jan 29th

Boots, chaps, and cowboy hats are most appropriate for our **ACCT Hoedown** as we get into the Texas spirit on Friday evening. At the conclusion of the expo hours we will be shuttling those interested into Austin to check out the music city capital! This is a round robin shuttle and will run from 9p - 2a.

SATURDAY – Jan 30th

All registrants are welcome for the **closing ceremony** and **awards reception**. This will be followed up by an **ACCT open mic night**. Sound equipment will be provided but this is not karaoke! Those interested in performing should bring their instruments. Be prepared for a night of entertainment by ACCT'S finest talents!



Conference Lodging

The [Hyatt Regency Lost Pines](#) hotel cutoff date is Jan 7th, but be forewarned that the hotel is almost sold out on Thursday & Friday nights! Lodging is also available in the dorms at McKinney Roughs. For more information visit the [venue section of the conference website](#).



Certifications, etc. at McKinney Roughs

In addition to all of the professional development opportunities at the conference, even more will be happening before and after the conference right over at [McKinney Roughs](#)! Please note that these events are being hosted by McKinney Roughs, and that all inquiries should go to them or the presenters listed.

January 25th, 26th & 27th

Petzl PPE Competent Person Training & Certification
[Visit Tower Gear's site for more info and registration](#)

January 27th

Crosby Fundamentals of Rigging
Call [Experiential Systems, Inc.](#) at 877-206-8967

January 27th

The Fundamentals of Experiential Facilitation & Teaching
[Visit the Experiential Tools site](#) or call 802-348-7297

January 27th

Challenge Course Practitioner Recertification - Level I
Email training@advexp.com or call 936-594-2945

January 28th

Sunstate Machine Operator Certification Course
Call [Rope Works, Inc.](#) at 512-894-0946

February 1st & 2nd

Rescue Training for Adventure Park Professionals
[Visit Tower Gear's site for more info and registration](#)



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