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ACCT Board Meeting

The ACCT Board of Directors will have their next conference call on May 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.

2016 Conference

The *26th Annual International ACCT Conference & Expo* will be held at the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort & Spa in Austin, Texas, on January 28–31, 2016. Be sure to mark your calendars and reserve the date for this amazing event.

The location is quite unique this year in that 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. Feel free to share any great ideas you may have with our Events Manager, Melissa Webb, by submitting them to melissa@acctinfo.org.

The 2016 Call for Presenters is available NOW! The ACCT Conference Committee is currently accepting proposals for all workshops: Pre-Conference, Certification Courses, Post-Conference, and General Sessions. Go to <http://www.jotformpro.com/form/50213414280946> and submit your proposal TODAY! **Proposals will be accepted until Friday, May 29, 2015.**

ACCT Facebook Competition

Where are you Wednesdays!

Check out this fun contest now being held on the ACCT Facebook page. Submit a picture of where you are that Wednesday and if your picture is selected you will WIN some ACCT swag! Don't miss the FUN!

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/acctinfo> and participate!

Winners to Date:

Nick Redinger
Jordan Andrews
Mike Brady
Michael Trevail
Jeremy Yarbrough
Jarín Storrs
Andy Brash

2015 Conference Survey: If you have not yet had a chance to complete the 2015 Conference Survey, we ask that you do so now. Your feedback is important to us and provides valuable information to the Event Manager and Conference Committee.

To complete the survey, please go to:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZDH2QFZ>

For exhibitors, please go to:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6FYPTCM>

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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ACCT Research Grant Opportunity

by the Research Advisory Committee

The Association for Challenge Course Technology and the Research Advisory Committee are now accepting proposals for the annual ACCT Research Grant. This grant was created to further research in the challenge course industry by providing financial assistance (up to \$1,500) to individuals conducting challenge course research.

Proposals for the 2015 year will be accepted through May 30th, 2015. Submissions should be sent to the Membership Manager, Trudy Robbins, at trudy@acctinfo.org.

Proposals should not exceed five (5) pages and are expected to include the following:

- Title of the research project
- Purpose of the research (including how this is related to the challenge course industry)
- The problem or issue of focus and the research questions being asked
- The research methodology being used
- The proposed budget for the research project
- Project timeline

- List of relevant documented references/works cited (may include those used to justify proposal and potential references). These are not personal references.

Submissions will be reviewed by the Research Advisory Committee and applicants will be notified by the end of June. All grant awardees will be expected to present their research at a future ACCT conference. Specific questions about the research grant can be sent directly to Liz Speelman, Chair of ACCT's Research Advisory Committee, at liz.speelman@gcsu.edu. The rubric used to assess the grant can be found on the Research page of the ACCT website at <http://www.acctinfo.org/?page=34>.

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.