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## ACCT Board Meeting

The ACCT Board of Directors will have their next conference call on June 18, 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](mailto:james@acctinfo.org).

## 2016 Conference

The pre-planning is in full action for the **26<sup>th</sup> Annual International ACCT Conference & Expo**, which will be held at the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort & Spa in Austin, Texas, from January 28<sup>th</sup> thru January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

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](mailto:melissa@acctinfo.org).

***LAST CALL for the 2016 Call for Presenters!*** This is the last week to submit proposals for all workshops: Pre-Conference, Certification Courses, Post-Conference, and General Sessions. Click [here](#) to submit your proposal TODAY! **Proposals will only be accepted until Friday, May 29, 2015.**

## ACCT is Going Digital!

*We're excited to announce that this year ACCT will be conserving resources by releasing our Conference Registration Brochure in digital format.*

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.

### 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 Lost Pines (Austin), Texas. The scholarship will cover conference registration fees, a pre-conference 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, the “Yellow Hats,” assist in many areas of 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!

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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.

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**Advertising, Exhibitor, & Sponsorship information will be coming your way SOON!** Thank you for your patience while we work to make this digital.

**2015 Conference Survey:** Your feedback is important to us. If you have not yet had a chance to complete the 2015 Conference Survey, we ask that you do so now.

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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:events@acctinfo.org).

## ACCT Research Grant Opportunity

*by the Research Advisory Committee*

The Association for Challenge Course Technology and the Research Advisory Committee are in their final week of 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](mailto: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](mailto: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>.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 will open on **June 15<sup>th</sup>** and be managed on line at [www.acctcertifications.com](http://www.acctcertifications.com). Please feel free to contact Joyce Weaver [joyce@acctinfo.org](mailto: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 will open on **June 15<sup>th</sup>** and be managed on line at [www.acctcertifications.com](http://www.acctcertifications.com). Please feel free to contact Joyce Weaver [joyce@acctinfo.org](mailto: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](mailto:trudy@acctinfo.org) for an Advertising Kit or for more information.