

A SHARED VISION OF ACR AND ITS CHAPTERS

PRINCIPLES OF ALLIANCE

- ACR and its chapters share a primary obligation to serve the lifelong professional needs of their collective memberships by delivering products and services of the highest quality and communicating directly with their respective members.
- ACR and its chapters will strive collectively and individually to elevate the performance of its members and their organizations.
- ACR and its chapters will seek to collectively serve patients and society by empowering members to advance the practice, science and professions of radiological care.
- ACR and its chapters, while recognizing the autonomy of all parties, agree to work closely for the mutual benefit of their members and the profession. As such we will cultivate operating environments of mutual trust and respect towards one another and foster open communications and transparency.
- ACR and its chapters shall respect each other's right to engage in activities that further their overall missions and to support those activities as may be appropriate. Both will work to ensure products and services are complimentary, wherever possible avoiding duplication.
- ACR and its chapters will each operate in a financially prudent manner and in fulfillment of their respective fiduciary responsibilities, and will do so in a manner that is open and transparent to their members.

OPERATING FRAMEWORK

1. ACR and its chapters agree to set reasonable performance metrics and strive to meet them.
2. ACR and its Chapters periodically will, by whatever research means are appropriate, assess the level of satisfaction of their respective members with the benefits being provided to them. Both parties will be encouraged to share the results of these assessments with one another and with their members.
3. ACR and its chapters agree to operate at all times in full compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and other legal standards that may affect their performance and in a manner fully consistent with the Board's risk management, financial, branding and policy standards and operating procedures. Chapters are encouraged but not required to apply to the Internal Revenue Service for exemption under Section 501(c)(6) of the Code.
4. ACR and its chapters agree that the Affiliation Agreement will be the binding document to delineate mutually determined services and responsibilities. This agreement will be reviewed/updated as deemed necessary. ACR and its chapters also agree that the Chapter Resources webpage will be the primary policy and procedural guide which may be amended from time to time.

5. ACR and its chapters agree to participate in Committee on Chapters, a joint governing body appointed by ACR Board of Chancellors, to regularly review and amend this relationship as necessary to serve the stakeholders and each organization to the highest degree.
6. ACR and its Chapters will respect and support each other's right to engage in advocacy activities, whether nationally, regionally or locally:
 - a. ACR will seek state participation in its advocacy activities at the state and local level.
 - b. State organizations are encouraged to align their efforts to develop or promulgate professional standards or advance advocacy positions that are not in conflict with the ACR positions or standards.
 - c. ACR and its chapters will endeavor to promptly reconcile differing advocacy views.
7. ACR and its chapters recognize and accept that it is in both parties' best interests to complement and support, not duplicate and compete with, each other's professional development product offerings.
 - a. ACR and its chapters agree to promptly communicate and, whenever possible, coordinate the scheduling of sponsored events.
 - b. ACR and its chapters agree to promptly communicate programs and services under development.
8. ACR and its chapters agree to work in partnership to attract new members and retain current members in each other's organizations. Both agree to have appropriate messaging on their respective websites and within member communications to this end.
9. As delineated in Article II, Section 2 of the ACR Bylaws, the ACR requires all ACR members (except for those in active military service or Public Health Service) within 24 months of training to join a chapter. Chapters are encouraged to adopt similar reciprocal membership requirements.
10. ACR and its chapters are independently responsible for setting their own dues levels. Chapters may have member categories in addition to those offered by ACR as long as the categories are not in conflict with ACR membership qualifications. All categories of membership must be delineated in the bylaws of each respective organization.
11. ACR is responsible for discovery, research, and development of meaningful, current and forward thinking content and knowledge. ACR will establish and maintain an Intellectual Property Policy to assure Chapters will have reasonable access to this.
12. ACR and its Chapters agree to share member data to facilitate joint communications. ACR will establish and maintain a Data Exchange Policy to govern appropriate data sharing and use.
13. Volunteers are one of ACR's and its chapters' most valuable resources. Volunteers shall be recognized, supported and encouraged when acting on behalf of ACR and its chapters.
14. ACR will create training and development opportunities for individuals serving in leadership positions at the chapter level. ACR will provide forums for these individuals to interact with their peers from around the country, and to enhance their knowledge of ACR and their leadership skills. In exchange for ACR offering these opportunities, chapters are encouraged to participate in and support these activities to the fullest extent possible.