

Dear ACR Councilor/Alternate Councilor:

The ACR Annual Meeting and Chapter Leadership Conference (AMCLC) is now just 8 weeks away! The following information is provided to help you prepare for the meeting.

Hotel and Meeting Registration Deadline is April 18

Please do not forget that the deadline for both meeting and hotel registration is April 18. Councilors, officers and other attendees may access registration materials at www.acr.org/amclc08. For Hilton Washington reservations please call 202-483-3000 or 888-324-4586, or visit online at www.washington.hilton.com. The group code is **ACR**.

New Collaborative Guidelines Process Established

The Council Steering Committee has established a new process for the adoption of collaborative guidelines. In previous years, even minor changes in collaborative guidelines at the AMCLC may have delayed the adoption of the guideline or standard until the following year. This new process will provide the ACR with a way to address these suggested revisions in consultation with our collaborative society colleagues during the AMCLC (or if needed, shortly after, according to the process), and would avert a long delay in the guideline or standard adoption. A brief description of the new process may be found at www.acr.org/amclc08 under the tab "Council and Resolution Information."

Comments for Proposed Guidelines and Technical Standards Due by March 29

We urge each of you to review all practice guidelines and technical standards for comment prior to coming to the meeting. The proposed guidelines and technical standards are located at <http://apps2.acr.org/lib/draftdoc/index.php>. All comments must be received online by March 29.

~~**Tour the New ACR Education Center on May 17**~~

~~If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to register for a tour of ACR's new, innovative Education Center on Saturday, May 17. This exciting opportunity is being offered free to all AMCLC attendees; however, registration is limited to a first-come, first-served basis. For more information to tour this Center that incorporates emerging technologies, state-of-the-art tools and equipment, please access the online flyer at www.acr.org/amele08 under the tab "Registration, Housing and Travel" then select "Education Center Tour Registration." Please complete and fax your tour registrations form to 703-648-1863 not later than Friday, May 2, 2008.~~

RADPAC Gala to Feature Congressman Pallone, Bill Press and Morton Kondracke

The RADPAC Gala reception and dinner to be held the evening of **Tuesday, May 20** will feature House Energy and Commerce Chairman Frank Pallone, Jr. and a spirited look at this year in politics from syndicated political talk show host and columnist Bill Press and Executive Editor of Roll Call and Fox News Commentator Morton Kondracke. In order to RSVP for this event, please indicate that you plan to attend by marking the appropriate section on your AMCLC Registration Form.

Imaging with the Experts Course

This year's pre-meeting educational session is "Imaging with the Experts." This all-day program on Saturday, May 17 features eleven expert faculty members in their respective fields. More information on this session is contained in the registration brochure that can be accessed online at www.acr.org/amclc08.

Agenda Book CD-ROMs and Access to Resolutions

Agenda materials and resolutions on CD-ROM are scheduled to ship on April 8. The resolutions will also be made available on the ACR Web site at www.acr.org/amclc08 under “Council and Resolution Information” the first week in April. A listing of all resolutions will also appear in the April issue of the ACR Bulletin.

Election Manual on the Way

The 2008 Election Manuals are scheduled to be mailed the first week in April.

Deadline for Changing Councilor Representation

The deadline for substituting Alternate Councilors for Councilors is May 12, 2008; after this date substitutions will be processed on-site. The substitution must be submitted in writing on an official Credentials Committee Councilor Substitution Authorization Form found at www.acr.org/substitutionform.

Young Physician Alternate Councilors Urged

Last year the Council passed a resolution allowing each chapter the opportunity to appoint one additional “young physician” alternate councilor. By selecting a young physician (defined as aged 40 or younger or within eight years after completion of residency or fellowship) to fill this capacity, the chapter would in turn receive a \$1000 stipend to supplement subsequent expenses. We strongly encourage all chapters to take this opportunity to engage this important demographic group.

What Do You Think?

The College is your organization and this is your meeting. We hope to continue to provide a meeting that is informative, important to the future direction of our profession and entertaining. Your feedback on ways that we can improve is always appreciated. Please contact Brad Short at bshort@acr.org or Jen Fisher at jfisher@acr.org to let us know your thoughts.

We look forward to meeting with each of you in May!

Sincerely,



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*****IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER*****

Proposed Guidelines and Standards Online Comments	March 29, 2008
Meeting and Hotel Registration Deadline	April 18, 2008
Education Building Tour Form Deadline	May 2, 2008
Resolutions Available Online.....	First week in April
Deadline for Substitution of ACR Councilors	May 12, 2008
Deadline for Submission of Late Resolutions	May 15, 2008