

Dear ACR Councilor/Alternate Councilor:

Preparations are in full-swing for another terrific ACR Annual Meeting and Chapter Leadership Conference (AMCLC) in 2009. **Registration materials and hotel registration forms should arrive in early January.** Please mark your calendars. **The meeting will take place at the Hilton Washington Hotel located at 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW in Washington, DC. The meeting begins on Saturday, May 2 and concludes on Wednesday, May 6.**

What's New for 2009?

The ACR AMCLC is a tradition-rich meeting. However, like all things, the College tries to make the meeting as time- and cost-efficient and effective as possible.

• ***USB Drives***

This year, we are encouraging members to bring their laptops to the AMCLC. We will provide all Councilors and Alternate Councilors with a portable USB drive that will not only include all the information you are used to getting in the 10-pound agenda book but will also contain some additional excellent ACR resources not included in the printed book to assist you in your chapters as well as information about College resources and programs and benefits. **You will have the option of selecting your preference of receiving a copy of the agenda book or a USB drive on your registration form.**

• ***Special AMCLC 09 Web Portal***

To further ensure robust information and knowledge sharing, the ACR will be establishing a new AMCLC 09 Web portal. Additional information about the portal will be forthcoming in the next Speaker/Vice Speaker Letter.

• ***Better Wired***

While at this year's AMCLC you will have extended cell phone use as well as Wi-Fi access in the registration area. Like last year, the official AMCLC Web portal will be available in the ballroom. The web portal will provide resources for your use both before and during the meeting.

• ***Electronic Registration***

This year you will have the option of registering for the meeting and hotel on-line or through the traditional paper brochure. More information will be forthcoming.

• ***Computer Print Station***

The meeting will also provide a station for attendees to access e-mail and print information.

• ***Changes in ACR Council Policies***

The CSC has developed a few changes to the existing Procedures of the Council. First, the CSC approved the following language to clarify the intention of sending out amendments to the ACR Bylaws in advance of the AMCLC. *"All proposed amendments to the ACR Bylaws received in a timely manner as outlined in Article XIV of the ACR Bylaws should be sent to the entire ACR membership via e-mail and posted on the ACR Annual Meeting web page no later than 30 days prior to the AMCLC."*

To better ensure advanced notice of the dispensation of referred resolutions, the CSC agreed to amend the pertinent language in the Procedures of the Council to state, “*Action on any passed or referred resolutions should be reported back to the Council at least 120 days prior to the first day of the Annual Meeting and Chapter Leadership Conference. The information should be included in the Policy Progress Report. The Policy Progress Report should be posted on the ACR AMCLC web page and sent to the Council via e-mail.*”

Finally, the ACR CSC has established an electioneering policy for candidates running for elective office. The electioneering policy will be provided to all candidates for 2009 office, in the ACR Elections Manual and posted on the web portal. Anyone needing an advanced copy should contact Brad Short at bshort@acr.org.

Resolutions

As always, the Council meeting will focus on the consideration of resolutions. We have 29 practice guidelines and technical standards set for consideration this year. In February, those practice guidelines and technical standards will be available for your review. To access that portion of the web site go to www.acr.org/reviewguidelines. Please remember that all comments received prior to the AMCLC will be considered by the reference committees.

Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to serve on the reference committees, the tellers committee, and the credentials committee. Please send an e-mail to jfisher@acr.org or contact Jen at 800-227-5463 ext. 4386.

Resolution Deadlines and Formats

Policy resolutions are also a critical part of the AMCLC. Only councilors, chapters, the Board of Chancellors or Council Steering Committee can sponsor resolutions. **The resolution deadline for this year’s meeting is February 2, 2009.** To access the proper format for submitting a resolution, please go to www.acr.org/resolutionprep.

Conclusion

We look forward to providing you ongoing tools and information to help make your experience during the 2009 ACR AMCLC both positive and beneficial. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brad Short 800-227-5463 (ext. 4975) or Jen Fisher (ext. 4386).

Sincerely,



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