

Dear Colleague,

We are already looking ahead to the ACR 2018 Annual Meeting, and we want you to know that we have heard your feedback loud and clear. As a result, we will be modifying the meeting format to both invigorate the activities of the ACR Council and to add additional support and benefit for our chapters.

Following the ACR 2017 Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee of the Board of Chancellors reviewed the meeting data and attendee feedback in an effort to determine the most optimal approach for the ACR 2018 Annual Meeting. After careful evaluation and in the interest of revitalizing the governance process of the Council — the heart of ACR policy making — a decision has been made to restructure the annual meeting.

To help you better understand this transition, a few items of note:

- The revised annual meeting will be structured around Council-focused programming that is responsive to the needs of the Council and chapter leaders.
- The meeting will begin on Sunday and conclude after Capitol Hill Day on Wednesday.
- A limited number of education sessions may be featured in the areas of economics, leadership development and advocacy, scheduled in non-competitive times at the discretion of the Council Speaker, Vice Speaker and Council Steering Committee. The meeting will no longer feature a dedicated program of clinical education.
- In support of our early-career colleagues, the well-attended sessions for residents, fellows and young and early-career professionals will continue.
- The ACR Convocation to recognize New Fellows, Honorary Fellows, Gold Medalists and Distinguished Service Award recipients will remain a highlight of the meeting.
- The Moreton Lecture will again spotlight major issues facing our specialty and health care delivery.
- The abstract/ePoster component of the meeting will be preserved. The Call for Abstracts will begin in early fall.
- A chapter workshop will continue to be held on Saturday to equip our chapter leaders and staff with the tools to thrive.
- A vendor exhibit hall will no longer be offered.

Your leaders and I are confident that this is our best route forward. This restructuring will have a positive impact on ACR 2018 and on the effectiveness of the Council and our chapters, thus better enabling us to achieve our core purpose of empowering you to better serve patients and society.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of the College and for all you do to ensure the future advancement of our profession.

Comments or questions? Please send to [info@acr.org](mailto:info@acr.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark green ink, appearing to read "Bill".

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