2018 Board of Directors Election

Online Voting is Now Open
This year three positions on the ACCT Board of Directors are open for election. One position is elected by the Individual and Organizational (B2B, B2C, and Stakeholder/Affiliate) members of ACCT, and two positions are elected by ACCT Accredited Professional Vendor Members (PVM’s).

Voting for a Board Member Elected by the Individual and Organizational Members
Voting for this position will be conducted online prior to the ACCT Annual Conference. Current ACCT individual and organizational members may cast ONE vote. Voting will be available from December 12, 2017 until January 12, 2018. VOTE NOW! Click HERE to read about the four candidates running for this position, and to cast your vote.

Voting for A Board Member Elected by the Professional Vendor Members
There is currently one candidate running for the two open seats elected by the PVM’s. (Nominations for the seats elected by the PVM’s will remain open until 48 hours before the voting at the AGM). Elections for the two open positions will be held in person using a paper ballot during the Annual General Meeting on Friday February 2, 2018.

ACCT-Related Job Postings

ROPE COURSE FACILITATOR
Brandywine Outfitters Inc
Coatesville, Pennsylvania

ROPE COURSE FACILITATOR
Camps Kenwood & Evergreen
Wilmot, New Hampshire

SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR
Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center
PARKTON, Maryland

SEASONAL EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION FACILITATOR (34 WEEK POSITION - 3/26-11/16)
Princeton-Blairstown Center
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Koala Equipment Continuous belay system:
Ideal for children
Runs smoothly and easy to use
Free of maintenance fees
Compatible with vertical activities
Retrofits on existing courses
Modifiable after installation
**2018 ACCT Research Grant**

The ACCT Research 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 will be accepted December 15, 2017 – January 15, 2018.

Submissions are reviewed by the ACCT Research Advisory Group and all applicants will be notified by the end of January 2018. Grant awardees will be expected to present their research at a future ACCT conference.

All proposals should not exceed five 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 and a literature review).
- The problem or issue of focus and the research questions being asked, and how this research will benefit the challenge course industry.
- The research methodology being used.
- The proposed budget for the research project (indirect costs are not permitted).
- Project timeline and IRB approval.
- List of relevant documented references/works cited (may include those used to justify proposal and potential references). These are not personal references.

Specific questions about the research grant can be sent directly to Lizzie Lange (bluegrasslizard@yahoo.com), Chair of the ACCT Research Advisory Group.

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**Inspector Certification**

ACCT has launched the application process for Inspector Certification testing at the Extreme Sports / Spring - 2018 event in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, February 28 – March 1, 2018. Exams for all categories (In-House, Professional, Supervisor Endorsement) and levels (Level 1, Level 2) will be offered. Preparatory workshops will also be available at this event. For details, check out the website at [www.acctcertifications.com](http://www.acctcertifications.com). Contact Joyce Weaver at joyce@acctinfo.org with questions.
Upcoming Deadlines

- ACCT Award submission deadline is 11:59pm Eastern Time, Sunday January 7th, 2018.

- Cutoff date for negotiated group rate at the Omni Fort Worth is January 3rd, 2018.

- Cutoff date for negotiated group rate at the Sheraton Downtown Fort Worth is January 8th, 2018.
  
  - All conference attendees booking rooms after these dates will not be guaranteed the group rate and will be responsible for paying a higher room rate (if space is available). Please note: the room block may sell out prior to this date, so please make your reservations early.

- Attendee registration rates increase Tuesday, January 9th, 2018.

Certification & Training Opportunities in Forth Worth

You’ve been asking for more advanced certification courses & training opportunities and we’ve got just that in Fort Worth! It’s not too late to secure your conference registration or register for these! Click here to register or see details on the available courses!

Conference Registration & Hotel Booking

The late registration deadline is approaching on January 8th. If you missed the cutoff date for booking your room at the Omni Fort Worth Hotel don’t stress we still have rooms available at our other host hotel [Sheraton Fort Worth Downtown Hotel](http://sheraton.com).

However, don’t delay as our cutoff for that group negotiated rate is in just 5 days (January 8th) and our room blocks tend to sell out! To lock in your group rate at the Sheraton click here.

See you in a few short weeks!

Attention Exhibitors

If you have not already done so be sure to register your booth staff to ensure an efficient check-in upon arrival in Fort Worth.

Visit the ACCT Conference Website [www.acctconference.com](http://www.acctconference.com) for additional information.

CLICK [HERE](http://www.acctconference.com) TO VIEW 2018 EXHIBITOR PROSPECTUS

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