Announcement of Board Candidates

The 26-member ACCT Board of Directors consists of 15 directors elected regionally, nine directors-at-large elected by the Senate, and two directors appointed by the Chair. A full elected term is three years. Directors serve staggered terms.

At the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, one regional director is elected from each of the five regions at the Regional Caucuses and Meetings, and three directors are elected at large at the Senate Meeting.

Regional Nominating Committees met during the Community College National Legislative Summit (NLS) on Monday, February 13 to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors and support directors-at-large. Candidates are listed above.

2017-2018 Candidates for the ACCT Board of Directors

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

(1) Three-Year Term in Each Region

The following is the slate of nominees:

Central Region – James Cooksey*
Moberly Area Community College, MO

Northeast Region – Hector Ortiz*
Harrisburg Area Community College, PA

Pacific Region – No Nominees

Southern Region – Dennis Troy*
Bladen Community College, NC

Western Region – Rose Benavidez*
South Texas College, TX

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

(3) Three-Year Terms

The following is the slate of nominees:

John Lukas*
Lakeshore Technical College, WI

Nominations must be received by July 1, 2017 in order to appear in the fall 2017 issue of Advisor.

*Candidates with an asterisk received the support of their respective Regional Nominating Committees.

Note: Nominations will be accepted from the floor on all elections.
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

CENTRAL REGION

James Cooksey
Moberly Area Community College, MO

I respectfully ask for your consideration and vote for an ACCT Board position. Just as all of our trustees bring experience, I believe that my career for nearly two decades as a state trial court judge enables me to provide a unique perspective.

During my time on the bench I presided over cases in rural areas and metropolitan St. Louis, involving both juveniles and adults primarily ages 18 to 35. While working with these individuals in the court system, I became acutely aware of the benefits for them, of both associate degrees and certificates, and working within these programs for success.

My commitment is shown by my seven years as a trustee at Moberly Area Community College, third year as Board President, having attended seven ACCT Leadership Congresses and state trustee conferences, six National Legislative Summits, an HLC Conference and currently serve on the ACCT Governance and Bylaws Committee.

NORTHEAST REGION

Hector Ortiz
Harrisburg Area Community College, PA

I am a trustee at Harrisburg Area Community College. I am currently on the ACCT Board, serve as Regional Chair of the Northeast Region, and as president of the Latino Association of Community College Trustees.

It is my conviction that the promotion of diversity, cultural sensitivity, and inclusion are fundamental factors in generating equal opportunities for any population.

My experience on different local and nationwide boards, and my service in many cross-cultural organizations have allowed me to advocate for higher education to assure that equity, inclusion, accountability, diverse enrollment, and student success are in the front line of higher education.

It is a privilege to serve ACCT. I am requesting your vote to continue serving as director from the Northeast Region in 2017. My education, experience in public service, commitment to higher education, and cross-cultural interaction provides me the background needed to serve on the ACCT Board.

SOUTHERN REGION

Dennis Troy
Bladen Community College, NC

As a current member of the ACCT Board of Directors, I believe that education is a way for all individuals to improve the quality of their lives and the lives of their families and communities.

For the past 21 years, I have worked to improve the quality of education and lives of our young men and women.

I serve in various capacities on local and state levels, including the North Carolina Trustees Executive Board, Bladen County Career and Technical Education Committee, and the ACCT Finance and Audit Committee on the national level.

I also regularly attend the Community College National Legislative Summit. I believe that my broad range of perspectives, service, and dedication at the local, state, and national levels qualify me to advocate for the excellent opportunities that ACCT provides.

WESTERN REGION

Rose Benavidez
South Texas College, TX

Motivated by the power of education and the spirit of public service, I respectfully seek election as your Western Region ACCT Board Member. I have been privileged to serve my community and as current Diversity Committee Chair, I hope to further build opportunities for collaborative success that ensure our students’ educational needs are always exceeded.

As a native of Starr County, Texas, and as president of the Starr County Industrial Foundation, I have witnessed the challenges involved in overcoming high unemployment and poverty levels. To that end, I have worked to reduce many of these obstacles by dedicating my professional career to developing the local economy, improving access to education and creating job opportunities.

I would be honored to continue to be a voice for those in our minority communities that often face a lifetime of disadvantage and help maintain the shared effort of offering them an accessible lifeline to achievement.

DIRECTOR AT-LARGE

John Lukas
Lakeshore Technical College, WI

John Lukas has served on the Lakeshore Technical College Board of Directors in several capacities since July 1, 2001. John is currently the co-owner and vice president of LDI Industries in Manitowoc, WI, a position he has held since 1993. For the past 26 years, he has coordinated and overseen seven
different State Indentured Apprenticeship Programs at LDI. John has been a state and national champion for Youth and Adult Apprenticeships.

John is an outstanding leader within the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association, including two-year stints each as president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer. As an active member of the Association of Community College Trustees, he has served on the Member Communications and Education Committee, the Finance and Audit Committee, and currently serves on the Governance and Bylaws Committee. He also served on the Central Region Nominating Committee, including one year as chair.

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

CENTRAL REGION

Jay Nardini  
Hawkeye Community College, IA

I am seeking election to a second term as your Central Region representative on the Diversity Committee. I am an elected trustee of Hawkeye Community College (HCC) in Waterloo, Iowa, and I serve as vice-chair of our board as well as chair of our state trustee board. As a practicing attorney for the last 43 years, I am well aware of the need to promote awareness of and educational opportunities for underrepresented populations.

I am a strong believer in community college education and promoting acceptance and respect for all individuals. Diversity and inclusion are directives of our board of trustees and HCC’s three-year strategic plan. We have a diverse population and our college has been recognized in recent years for diversity and equity accomplishments. My background, education and experience, I believe, make me a valued member of the ACCT Diversity Committee.

NORTHEAST REGION

Mary Zimmerman  
Union County College, NJ

Since 2004, Mary Zimmermann has been a dedicated community volunteer for a wide range of local charities and nonprofits throughout Union County, New Jersey. In her hometown of Summit, she engages in numerous volunteer activities to support African-Americans, Latinos, and senior citizens, such as in her service to the St. Teresa Church food pantry, the Summit Affordable Housing Corporation, the Summit Housing Authority, United Way of Summit, and Sage Eldercare.

Mary first joined Union County College in 2004 as a member of the foundation and as a donor who continues to provide scholarship support for students. In 2006, she was appointed to the college’s board of governors and the following year to the board of trustees, which oversees college operations. She continues to serve as a leader on all three college boards and as a trustee ambassador to the New Jersey Council of County Colleges.

PACIFIC REGION

Judy Chen Haggerty  
Mt. San Antonio College, CA

It has been an honor to serve on the ACCT Diversity Committee for the past two years. Since becoming a Diversity Committee member, I have been dedicated to promoting awareness and educational opportunity for underrepresented populations.

My leadership roles in national and statewide diversity advocacy projects include serving as the co-chair of the Asian, Pacific Islander/Native American National Caucus and six years working on the California Leadership Alliance for Student Success project. I also have been an AACC Pathways project representative and have served on the ACCT Charles Kennedy Equity Awards Committee.

As a community college instructor for almost 20 years, I have hands-on experience working with underrepresented students.

Announcement of Diversity Committee Candidates

The Diversity Committee consists of 10 elected members, two from each region. Committee members serve staggered two-year terms. At the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, one member is elected from each of the five regions during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings.

Regional Nominating Committees met during the Community College National Legislative Summit (NLS) on Monday, February 13 to interview and nominate 2017 candidates for the Diversity Committee.

2017-2018 Candidates for the ACCT Diversity Committee

(1) Two-Year Term in Each Region  
The following is the slate of nominees:

CENTRAL REGION  
Jay Nardini*  
Hawkeye Community College, IA

NORTHEAST REGION  
Mary Zimmerman*  
Union County College, NJ

PACIFIC REGION  
Judy Chen Haggerty*  
Mt. San Antonio College, CA

Tamra Jackson*  
Wenatchee Valley College, WA

SOUTHERN REGION  
Betty Holness*  
Daytona State College, FL

WESTERN REGION  
Carlton Underwood*  
Central Wyoming College, WY

Candidates with an asterisk received the support of their respective Regional Nominating Committees.
and have a very clear understanding of their needs. I look forward to continuing my service to the committee and imparting the knowledge, leadership, and conviction needed to promote and achieve diversity and equity at the national level.

Tamra Jackson
Wenatchee Valley College, WA

Tamra Jackson has been in education for more than 30 years and is a White House Champion of Change in Education. Her passion has been to develop a college-going culture with high expectations and rigor for all students, regardless of ethnicity, economic status, or background. Since 2009 she has been principal at Bridgeport High School. Under her leadership, BHS has won numerous state and national awards and in 2011 was one of the final 3 Race to the Top schools in the Presidential Commencement Challenge.

The culmination of her efforts has been the development of a successful college-in-the-high-school program where rural students earn AA transfer degrees while in high school. All of her teaching and administrative experience has been with high-poverty, high-minority populations: Bridgeport School District’s student population is 90 percent Hispanic, Wenatchee Valley College’s student body is 50 percent minority, including members of the Colville Nation, which is located within its district.

WESTERN REGION

Carlton Underwood
Central Wyoming College, WY

As an alumnus of Central Wyoming College, I understand community colleges ensure student success by empowering students to feel that they are the stars of the organization. Serving as trustee for Central Wyoming College has given me confidence in evaluating student success and identifying factors that lead to an increase in positive student experiences while attending community colleges.

Understanding these variables by experiencing them both as a student and a trustee, I believe, has allowed me to better relate to three things: translating what diversity means to the community college, how diversity can influence the student experience while attending community college, and understanding that diversity is always a positive factor in providing a forward-thinking environment to help students succeed. Therefore, I would enjoy continuing to represent the Western Region on the ACCT Diversity Committee.
Although Directors-at-Large may run from the floor during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress Senate Meeting, there are distinct benefits to submitting nominations by the July 1 deadline.

Benefits include the following:
1) Official candidate nomination materials, including a photo and short biography, will appear in the pre-Congress issue of *Advisor*. This issue is used as a reference during elections held at the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress.
2) Individuals who declare their candidacy by the July deadline will receive election-related reminders from ACCT, and will receive contact information for their use in campaigning 30 days prior to the ACCT Leadership Congress. Individuals who declare their candidacy fewer than 30 days prior to the Congress will receive contact information for their use in campaigning.
3) Those nominated prior to the deadline will have the opportunity to appear at the Regional Caucuses and Meetings held on Tuesday during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress to campaign prior to the election during the Senate Meeting on Wednesday.

For these reasons, ACCT strongly recommends that those who wish to run for a Director-at-Large position submit their nominations by the July 1 deadline.

To declare your candidacy in advance of elections at the ACCT Leadership Congress and appear in the *Advisor*
- You must be a trustee at an ACCT member college.
- Submit a letter of declaration to run for office.
- Submit a letter of support from your local board.
- Submit a one-page resume that emphasizes community college-related service and other civic activities. Information about professional history and education may also be included.
- Submit a narrative statement that details qualifications, not to exceed 150 words, for inclusion in printed voting materials.
- Provide ACCT with a print-quality (300 dpi or higher) head-and-shoulders photograph by e-mail, for inclusion in printed voting materials. If an electronic photo is not available, a 5” x 7” head-and-shoulders photo, preferably color, may also be accepted. (Photos will not be returned.)
- An optional second letter of support from another ACCT member board (for example, a state association). This letter of support must be limited to one page.

To run for a seat from the floor at the ACCT Leadership Congress
- You must be a trustee at an ACCT member college
- Provide on-site a letter of declaration to run for office
- Provide on-site a letter of support from your individual board

If you wish to run for a seat in Las Vegas during the 2017 Annual ACCT Leadership Congress and appear in the *Advisor*, you are required to notify the ACCT President at the Washington, D.C. office in writing of your intent to run.

Your notification must be received with a postmark date of **July 1, 2017**, or by electronic mail (preferred method) by close of business on **July 1, 2017**. The President will send candidate information received within 30 days prior to the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress. Any trustee who declares his or her candidacy up to 30 days prior to the ACCT Leadership Congress will receive information relative to running for the Board of Directors.

Please e-mail your nomination to nominations@acct.org. ACCT will respond to your submission via e-mail within three working days. Please contact ACCT Vice President for Public Policy and External Relations Jee Hang Lee at jhlee@acct.org if you do NOT receive a response within three working days.

Nominations will also be accepted via standard mail (return receipt requested). Mail nominations to: ACCT President, 1101 17th Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036.

NOTE: Each member of the Board of Directors at the time of election must be a member of a Voting Member. Voting Members are defined as governing and advisory boards of accredited not-for-profit community-based postsecondary educational institutions that primarily offer programs other than baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degrees, including boards of state systems that include such institutions. Per the ACCT Bylaws, no more than one (1) member from any member board may serve as an elected member on the ACCT Board of Directors at the same time.

NOTE: Nominations will be accepted from the floor on all elections.

*The process for running for an elected seat on the Diversity Committee is the same as running for a seat on the board. Trustees interested in serving as an elected member of the Diversity Committee, please use the same instructions detailed above.*
Procedure for Submitting Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws

According to Article XIV of the ACCT Bylaws, amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted as follows:

Section 1. Origination
Proposed amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted in writing by: the Executive Committee, the Governance and Bylaws Committee, the Board of Directors, or a group consisting of at least five Voting Members.

Section 2. Procedure
a. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing no later than July 1 of that year to the Governance and Bylaws Committee through the president, unless proposed by said committee, for its consideration and its recommendations to the Board of Directors. Upon approval or disapproval by the Board of Directors, the proposal will be forwarded to the Senate for action with the Board of Directors’ recommendations.
b. If the Governance and Bylaws Committee recommends modification of a proposal and the Board of Directors approves the modification or approves an alternative modification, the sponsor shall be so notified of the proposed modification. Should the sponsor find the modification unacceptable, the original proposal, together with the Board of Directors’ recommendation, shall be submitted to the Senate for action.
c. Written notice of the proposed change shall be sent to each Voting Member at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting.
d. The Senate shall consider all proposed amendments that meet the requirements, and any proposed amendment shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting to be adopted.
e. An amendment becomes effective at the close of the Senate meeting at which it was adopted.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS

According to Article V, Section 7 of the ACCT Bylaws, resolutions to be voted on by the ACCT Senate may be submitted in the following ways:

a. Proposed resolutions relating to governance of the Association shall be submitted in writing to the Governance and Bylaws Committee through the president no later than July 1 of that year. Proposed resolutions may be submitted by a Voting Member, the Board of Directors, or by the Governance and Bylaws Committee.
b. The Governance and Bylaws Committee shall study all proposals received and shall forward with comments to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall prepare a report of its recommendations. Such report shall be distributed to the Voting Members of the Association no later than 30 days in advance of the Senate meeting at which the resolutions shall be considered.
c. Proposed resolutions following the process of paragraphs a. and b. above must have a majority vote of the voting delegates present and voting to be adopted.
d. Proposed resolutions not meeting the requirements set forth above may be considered by the Senate under the following procedure:
1. The proposed resolution must be submitted to the president in writing, signed by the voting delegates of at least five Voting Members prior to the Senate meeting.
2. The Senate must suspend the rules, without debate, by a two-thirds favorable vote of the voting delegates present and voting.
3. The proposed resolution must be adopted by a two-thirds favorable vote of the voting delegates present and voting.
e. Resolutions adopted by the Senate shall expire on the termination date set in the Resolution, or if there is not a termination date, three years after the date of adoption, unless re-authorized by the Senate.
Regional Nominating Committee

ACCT Regional Chairs invite member trustees to serve on Regional Nominating Committees. The commitment of Nominating Committee members in carrying out their duties helps to ensure that the Association’s future leadership is comprised of member trustees who have demonstrated quality leadership in community colleges. Nominating Committee members interview and nominate candidates who are committed to and support the fulfillment of ACCT’s vision — Through the Association of Community College Trustees, community college governing boards are THE LEADING ADVOCATES of the nation’s community college system.

Responsibilities

Regional Nominating Committees are the key to a successful election process for the ACCT Board of Directors and Diversity Committee. Each year, the committees are responsible for reviewing candidate applications, interviewing candidates, and nominating person(s) for Regional Director and Diversity Committee membership. Nominating Committees may also support Director-at-Large candidates.

Election/Composition/Terms

Each of ACCT’s five regions elects nominating committee member(s) from the Voting Members of that region at the Regional Caucuses and Meetings held during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress. Nominating Committees are composed of five members each. No more than one member shall be from the same state. Nominating Committee members shall serve staggered two-year terms. They may serve more than one term, but terms may not be consecutive. The chair of each Nominating Committee shall be elected by the members of the respective Nominating Committee at the close of each Regional Caucus.

Committee Meetings (Interviews)

Regional Nominating Committee meetings are scheduled annually in conjunction with the Community College National Legislative Summit that takes place in Washington, D.C. Committee members receive interview schedules and candidate information prior to the meeting(s). All expenses related to attending the meeting are the college’s responsibility.

Future dates for

THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT
WASHINGTON, D.C. | MARRIOTT MARQUIS

• February 11 – 14, 2018
• February 10 – 13, 2019

Note: In 2018, Community College National Legislative Summit will take place from Monday through Wednesday. Please be sure to note this change on your calendar.

Please also note that in 2018, the Community College National Legislative Summit will take place at a new location, the Marriott Marquis Washington, D.C., located at 901 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.
Nominating Committee Members Currently Serving

Elections for Regional Nominating Committee members will be held at the 2017 ACCT Leadership Congress in Las Vegas, Nevada during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings on Tuesday, September 26 at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas. Below are the members currently serving on Regional Nominating Committees and their corresponding term expirations. Please note that terms ending in 2017 will expire upon the conclusion of the Regional Caucuses and Meetings. Only newly elected and sitting committee members will vote for the Chair of the Committee at the close of the meeting.

CENTRAL REGION (3 seats expire in 2017)
• Derrick Franck, Committee Chair
  Western Iowa Tech Community College, IA
  Term Expiration: 9/2017
• Michael Freeman, Mott Community College, MI
  Term Expiration: 9/2017
• Carla Hedtke, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, WI
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Diane Gallagher, Highland Community College, IL
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Craig Larson, St. Louis Community College, MO
  Term Expiration: 9/2017

SOUTHERN REGION (2 seats expire in 2017)
• Paul Batson, III, Committee Chair, Greenville Technical College, SC
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Steve Cona, III, Hillsborough Community College, FL
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Susan Hunt, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, MS
  Term Expiration: 9/2017
• Rick Pearson, Northern Virginia Community College, VA
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Mac Sherrill, Randolph Community College, NC
  Term Expiration: 9/2017

NORTHEAST REGION (1 seat expires in 2017)
• Cathy Guild, Committee Chair, Bunker Hill Community College, MA
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Rosemary Gillet-Karam, Baltimore City Community College, MD
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Camile Kahler, Mohawk Valley Community College, NY
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Catherine Hebson McVicker, Raritan Valley Community College, NJ
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Robert Postupac, Community College at Beaver County, PA
  Term Expiration: 9/2017

SOUTHERN REGION (2 seats expire in 2017)
• Conrad Heede, Committee Chair
  Tarrant County College District, TX
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Jim Garver, Southeast Community College, NE
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Morris Reeves, Dodge City Community College, KS
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Carol Ruckel, Aims Community College, CO
  Term Expiration: 9/2017
• Walter Wragge, Northern Wyoming Community College District, WY
  Term Expiration: 9/2017

WESTERN REGION (2 seats expire in 2017)
• Dana Saar, Committee Chair
  Maricopa Community Colleges, AZ
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Debrena Jackson Gandy, Highline College, WA
  Term Expiration: 9/2017
• Eric Payne, State Center Community College District, CA
  Term Expiration: 9/2017
• Ron Pittman, Chemeketa Community College, OR (Appointed)
  Term Expiration: 09/2017
• VACANCY

PACIFIC REGION (4 seats expires in 2017)
• Paul Batson, III, Committee Chair, Greenville Technical College, SC
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Steve Cona, III, Hillsborough Community College, FL
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Susan Hunt, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, MS
  Term Expiration: 9/2017
• Rick Pearson, Northern Virginia Community College, VA
  Term Expiration: 10/2018
• Mac Sherrill, Randolph Community College, NC
  Term Expiration: 9/2017

If you are interested in serving on a Regional Nominating Committee, please email nominations@acct.org, or contact your regional chair:

Central Regional Chair
Vernon Jung
vjung@teamtech3.org

Northeast Regional Chair
Hector Ortiz
richie1166@msn.com

Pacific Regional Chair
Stephan Castellanos
scastellanos@deltacollege.edu

Southern Regional Chair
Tamela Cullens
tami.cullens@southflorida.edu

Western Regional Chair
Gerald Cook
coolgerald@sbcglobal.net
ACCT Committee members met on February 12, prior to the 2017 Community College National Legislative Summit. The ACCT Board of Directors met the following day.

**Diversity Committee**  
- The committee discussed changes to the AACC/ACCT Joint Statement on Leadership and Diversity and changes to the Diversity Committee mission statement, as well as an update on the Diversity Committee name change.

**Finance and Audit Committee**  
- The committee approved:  
  - Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Engagement Letter  
  - Fiscal Year 2018 Budget  
  - Proposed Capital Budget  
  - An Ad Hoc committee comprised of 5 members to work with UBS and management to review the association's current Investment Policy  
  - Draft Form 990

**Governance and Bylaws Committee**  
- The committee revisited the discussion from their meeting at the 2016 Congress, and confirmed that any candidate who declares his or her intention to run for a seat on the Board of Directors up to 30 days prior to the Congress will automatically receive from the appropriate ACCT staff all the same information provided to candidates who declared their candidacy by the July 1 deadline. The committee also unanimously approved the inclusion of these changes in ACCT’s Rules of Procedure.

**Member Communications and Education Committee**  
- The committee discussed a series of member surveys, education and advocacy delivery, and improvements to service availability. Future agenda items will include evaluating ACCT Publications, programs and services, and member board structures and compositions.

**Public Policy and Advocacy Committee**  
- ACCT staff provided the committee with an update on new ACCT reports, *Financial Aid 102* and *Aiding Success*, and discussed the 2017 joint community college federal legislative priorities.

**Board of Directors**  
- The board discussed the newly created Strategic Plan to be further developed during the summer board retreat; ACCT Now, the association’s newest online publication on community college policy-oriented issues; and the two ad-hoc committees on the CEO evaluation instrument and the mentorship program.

- The motion to approve the changes to Sections 3.6 and 3.7 of the Rules of Procedure to address procedures for submitting nominations to the Board of Directors and the Diversity Committee was unanimously approved. The new process will require staff to distribute election information and materials to all candidates who declare their intentions to run for office, up to 30 days before the Congress.

- The board also approved the five financial reports approved by the Finance and Audit committee.

- A motion was brought before the Board from the Diversity Committee to add the term ‘military’ to ‘veterans’ status, which was unanimously approved.
Inviting member trustees to serve on ACCT Board Committees has expanded membership participation in the governance of the Association while bringing new ideas and expertise to committee deliberations.

Committees for 2018 will be formed before the first of the year. Member trustees are asked to indicate their interest in serving as an appointed committee member for a one-year term by September 1, 2017. Those interested in serving should submit the 2018 Committee Interest Form indicating committee preferences. (If only one choice is listed and you are not selected to serve on the committee of your choice, you may not be placed on another committee unless a second and third choice is stated.) If you wish to include comments relating to your committee choices and areas of expertise, you may fill this in under the “Comments” section of the form. Each request must have a letter of nomination from the individual’s board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee. ACCT Committees seeking volunteer members are:

- **Diversity** — The Diversity Committee ensures leadership for the involvement of historically underrepresented diverse populations within the governance activities of ACCT. It promotes respect for and acceptance of diverse individuals and promotes awareness and educational opportunity for underrepresented populations. It advises the ACCT Board by strengthening the links with the minority membership, identifying issues that require member input, and recommending strategies to gather input.

- **Finance and Audit** — The Finance and Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring executive compliance with fiscally related Policies and Bylaws, reviewing the annual budget and the financial audit, establishing procedures for the periodic audit of Association programs and services, and reporting to the Board of Directors.

- **Governance and Bylaws** — The Governance and Bylaws Committee is responsible for reviewing resolutions related to the governance of the Association, amendments to the Bylaws, and Board Policies. In fulfilling this charge, the Committee helps ensure that the Board of Directors is fulfilling its role to represent the member boards in determining and demanding appropriate organizational performance through its written governing policies.

- **Member Communications and Education Committee** — The Member Communications and Education Committee is responsible for evaluating and making recommendations to strengthen the Board’s links with the membership; identifying issues that require member input; and recommending strategies to gather input. Additionally, it evaluates and makes recommendations to strengthen current ACCT education programs and recommend additional programs that promote effective board governance through advocacy and education. The committee also assists in identifying Regional Nominating and Regional Award Committee members.

- **Public Policy and Advocacy** — The Public Policy and Advocacy Committee is charged with reviewing public policy issues and recommending positions to the Board of Directors.

ACCT Board Policy states that the ACCT Chair will appoint committee members. In making appointments, the ACCT Chair will consider regional representation, gender, and diversity. Each committee chair shall be a member of the ACCT Executive Committee.

Appointed members may be selected for committee membership under the following conditions:

1. They shall be selected from Voting Members.
2. They may serve three consecutive one-year terms per committee.
3. No more than one associate member from a college shall serve on any one board committee.
4. All related expenses are the responsibility of their college.
5. They have full voting rights.
6. They shall have a letter of nomination from their board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee.

**Please Note:** Appointed Committee Members currently serving in 2017 MUST re-apply if they are interested in serving in 2018. Colleges may submit a letter of support covering two years of service, but the Committee Interest Form must be filled out each year.

ACCT committees will meet in 2018 immediately prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit scheduled February 11-14, 2018 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, D.C., and a day or two before the ACCT Leadership Congress in New York, New York on October 24-27, 2018. Committee work may also be done through e-mail and postal mail.

If you are interested in serving and your board has agreed to send a letter of nomination and financially support your attendance at the events above, please submit the following:

1. 2018 Committee Interest Form (see page 15); and
2. A letter of nomination from your board supporting your appointment to an ACCT committee.

These documents must be received at ACCT by September 1, 2017. Send to the ACCT Chair, assocmemb@acct.org, electronic mail preferred, or via standard mail to ACCT, 1101 17th Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036; FAX (202) 223-1297.
GET INVOLVED!
Enhance Your Membership and Leadership Role
Enhance Your Membership

JOIN THE STATE COORDINATORS NETWORK

The State, Province, and Territory Coordinators Network plays a vital role in supporting the operations of the association by linking the Board of Directors and staff directly with the membership. Coordinators, appointed by the ACCT Regional Chairs, are the voices and faces of ACCT in their local communities, and a primary source of information from their communities back to the ACCT Board and staff.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A STATE COORDINATOR?

- Serves as the communications link between the Regional Chairs and ACCT member college boards
- Secures and retains ACCT member institutions
- Shares feedback regarding the association’s products, services, and activities

WHAT DOES MY COMMITMENT INVOLVE?

State Coordinators are expected to attend the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress and the Community College National Legislative Summit. Coordinators are appointed to three-year terms with no limit on the number of terms they may serve, and are reappointed with the approval of the ACCT Board.

For more information on how to become a state coordinator, go to: https://www.acct.org/state-coordinators-network
Enhance Your Leadership Role

JOIN A BOARD COMMITTEE AS AN ASSOCIATE

Board committees communicate with the membership and inform the Board of Directors about membership values, interests, and challenges.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ACCT BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS?

**Diversity Committee**
Ensures leadership for the involvement of historically underrepresented diverse populations within the governance activities of ACCT. It advises the ACCT Board by strengthening the links with the minority membership, identifying issues that require member input, and recommending strategies to gather input.

**Finance and Audit Committee**
Responsible for monitoring executive compliance with fiscally related Policies and Bylaws, reviewing the annual budget, the financial audit, establishing procedures for the periodic audit of Association programs and services, and reporting to the Board of Directors.

**Public Policy and Advocacy Committee**
Charged with reviewing public policy issues and recommending positions to the Board of Directors and, where appropriate, to the ACCT Executive Committee.

**Governance and Bylaws Committee**
Responsible for reviewing resolutions related to the governance of the association, amendments to the Bylaws, and the Board policies.

**Member Communications and Education Committee**
Responsible for evaluating and making recommendations to strengthen the Board’s links with the membership; identifying issues that require member input; and recommending strategies to gather input.
Enhance Your Leadership Role

JOIN THE ACCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The 26-member Board of Directors includes 15 directors elected regionally, nine directors at-large elected by the Senate, and two directors appointed by the Chair. A full elected term is three years. All elections occur during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress. Regional nominating committees meet during the Community College National Legislative Summit, to interview and nominate candidates.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?
The Board of Directors establishes policies that supervise, control, and direct the affairs of the Association within the limits of and consistent with the Bylaws and Resolutions promulgated by the Senate.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
The Executive Committee is comprised of the chair, chair-elect, vice chair, secretary treasurer, and the immediate past chair. Officers are elected annually by the Board of Directors from the elected members of the Board for a one-year term at the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress.

WHAT DOES MY COMMITMENT INVOLVE?
The Board of Directors meets three times per year: prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., a day or two before the Annual Leadership Congress, and during the Summer Board Retreat. Work is also done through telephone, e-mail, and postal mail.

REGIONAL CHAIRS
The Board of Directors elect five Regional Chairs each year during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress. The Regional Chairs serve as the liaisons between the Board of Directors and the State Coordinators Network.

TAKE ACTION
Contact Karen Lomax at klomax@acct.org for more detailed information on running for the ACCT Board of Directors.

Contact Jee Hang Lee at jhlee@acct.org for more detailed information on joining the State Coordinators Network.
2018 Associate Committee Interest Form

Please rank the committees in your preferred order of service (1=Most Preferred; 5=Least Preferred).

- If only one choice is listed and you are not selected to serve on the committee of your choice, you may NOT be placed on another committee.

- Diversity Committee
- Finance and Audit Committee
- Governance and Bylaws Committee
- Member Communications and Education Committee
- Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

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☐ Letter of nomination from your board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee enclosed

COMMENTS:

This form must be returned to assocmemb@acct.org by September 1, 2017.

You can also fill out the form online at https://www.acct.org/form/2018-associate-committee-interest-form.
Registration is now open for the 2017 ACCT Leadership Congress!

The ACCT Congress will take place on September 25-28 at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas. This year's theme is Pathways to Prosperity. To register and for more information, go to: http://www.acct.org/events/2017-acct-leadership-congress.

ACCT DEADLINES

- ACCT Leadership Congress Presentation Proposal Submissions
  April 21, 2017
- Regional Awards Nomination Submissions
  June 5, 2017
- Director-at-Large Candidate Nominations
  July 1, 2017
- Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws
  July 1, 2017
- Submitting Senate Resolutions
  July 1, 2017
- Las Vegas Congress Early Bird Registration Ends
  July 21, 2017
- Las Vegas Congress Hotel Reservations Deadline
  August 18, 2017
- Application to Serve as an ACCT Committee Member in 2018
  September 1, 2017

Visit www.acct.org for more information

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