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 10 to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors and support directors-at-large. Candidates are listed to the right.

2014–2015 Candidates for ACCT Board of Directors

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Nominations must be received by July 1, 2014 in order to appear in the fall 2014 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

Vernon Jung
Moraine Park Technical College, WI

As a Moraine Park Technical College graduate, I am grateful to have gained the education to build a successful career in the industrial tool industry. I’m also grateful and humbled to have served as a trustee on my alma mater’s board, and as an active ACCT member since 1995. I ask for your support to continue serving on the ACCT Board as a Central Region representative as we work to promote access, affordability, and the student success outcomes society needs for a prosperous, positive future. The stakes have never been higher, and the need for vibrant community colleges has never been greater. We have significant opportunities, but still face threats as we seek to serve millions counting on us like never before. Our collective future depends on community colleges, and the strength of our community colleges depends on ACCT’s leadership in trustee education, collaboration, and advocacy.

NORTHEAST REGION

Bakari Lee
Hudson County Community College, NJ

This letter is offered as a declaration of intent for re-election to the ACCT Board as a Northeast Regional Director. At the 2013 Annual Congress in Seattle, I was elected to the office of Secretary/Treasurer on the ACCT Board and I look forward to fulfilling the responsibilities of that office. I was previously elected to the ACCT Board at the 2011 Annual Congress in Dallas, and was then elected to the office of Northeast Regional Chair. I currently serve as Vice Chair for my local board and Chair of the ACCT Finance Committee. I also serve as Chairman of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges.

If elected I will continue to promote ACCT’s mission of fostering community college advocacy and board governance at all levels. I believe we share a common goal and I hope to receive your support.

PACIFIC REGION

Jim Harper
Portland Community College, OR

I am serving my third term as a trustee for Portland Community College and my first term on the ACCT Board. My activities within ACCT have been: the State Coordinator for Oregon; the Vision Statement and Strategic Goals Committee; Pacific Region nominating committee, the Governance and Bylaws Committee and the Pacific Regional Chair for the past two years. Accessibility and affordability are critical components of our mission. We must provide the environment, tools, and education for all our students to be successful. Our student success programs, including the ACCT Student Success Symposiums are impressive. Providing a seamless transition from K-12 is critical.

I feel that we must pay special attention to the underrepresented members of our communities and provide meaningful and appropriate workforce development.

I would be honored to continue to serve and contribute to the mission and objectives of ACCT.

SOUTHERN REGION

Dennis Troy
Bladen Community College, NC

As a community college trustee, 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 19 years, I have worked to improve the quality of education and lives for our young men and women. I also serve in various capacities on the local, state, and national levels; including as a member of the North Carolina Trustees Executive Board, Bladen County Career and Technical Education Committee, and the ACCT Diversity Committee. 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 qualifies me to help continue the excellent opportunities that ACCT provides.

WESTERN REGION

Roberto Zárate
Alamo Colleges, TX

The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) has historically led the effort to advocate for community colleges. The Alamo Colleges and our state have benefited from the quality of services ACCT provides as we have worked to be more efficient and effective.

I have had the privilege to serve on the ACCT Board of Directors for the previous two years and was honored to be chosen as the Chair of the Western Region. Currently, I serve as the Vice-Chair of the Association.

My experiences in the service to the organization and my fervent belief in community colleges as a vital component of our educational system provide a platform from which I can continue to be an asset to the organization.

Governance is a duty that requires engagement and knowledge. ACCT provides services that enable trustees to execute that duty. I want to continue to enhance all future efforts to improve those services.
**DIRECTOR AT-LARGE**

**Mary Figueroa**  
*Riverside Community College District, CA*

As an elected member since 1995 of the Board of Trustees for the Riverside Community College District in California, my commitment continues to be “to champion the benefits and value of the community college system in our society.” Being the first in my family to graduate from college, I have lived the benefits of higher education. Spending 21 years working in the California state prison system, I have seen the ramifications of those without the experience and confidence which higher education provides an individual. With over 18 years of experience as a trustee, I bring a diverse background of understanding in dealing with continued student growth, drastic budget cuts, community partnerships, governance issues and multi-million dollar construction projects. Serving on the California statewide trustee board has prepared me for the additional vision of national board participation that furthers the cause, benefits, and value of community colleges.

**Clare Ollayos**  
*Elgin Community College, IL*

My respect and affection for community colleges began in 1975 when I enrolled at Elgin Community College in an academically rigorous biology class required to transfer from a liberal arts to a sciences major. ECC was, once again, affordable and flexible six years later, when I needed an additional chemistry course for chiropractic college admission.

I served as community chairperson for the opening of the Visual and Performing Arts Center, was appointed to the ECC Foundation in 1994, and co-chaired a 1.5M capital campaign. In 1995, I was elected to the ECC Board of Trustees and served three years as Vice-Chair and two years as Chair. I served as the Illinois Community College Trustees Association President in 2006-2007.

I currently serve on the ACCT Finance and Audit Committee, have served on the Governance and Bylaws Committee, and on pre-conference panels, and led roundtables. I would be honored to serve another term on the ACCT Board.

**Hector Ortiz**  
*Harrisburg Area Community College, PA*

I am a trustee at Harrisburg Area Community College. I am serving as Chair of the ACCT Diversity Committee. I have been advocating for many years for education, equity, and inclusive opportunities for post-secondary education.

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 boards and my service in many cross-cultural organizations have allowed me to continue advocating for higher education to assure that equity, inclusion, accountability, diverse enrollment, and student success are measured in achieving college education.

It is a privilege to serve as Chair of the Diversity Committee. My intention is to serve on the board and enhance the work that ACCT does. Thank you in advance for your support and your vote for me as ACCT Board director at-large at the 2014 ACCT Leadership Congress. My education, experience in public service, commitment to higher education and cross-cultural interaction provides the background needed to serve on the ACCT Board.

**Dana Saar**  
*Maricopa County Community College District, AZ*

America’s community colleges will continue to play a crucial role in moving our economy and communities forward. ACCT and its members, staff, and affiliates are keys to successfully identifying and reaching policy-based outcomes that support moving forward.

My experiences as a secondary education teacher and administrator, 14-year K-12 governing board member, and elected community college trustee for the past three years provide me with the unique ability to relate to all aspects of the educational spectrum. My master’s degree in career and technical education, along with classroom instruction, has proven to be a valuable asset for the unique workforce development responsibilities of our community colleges.

I will commit the time and energy needed to adequately represent ACCT and its members. I look forward to working with all ACCT members to make sure their thoughts and concerns are well represented on the ACCT Board of Directors.

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**CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS**

**2014 ACCT Leadership Congress | October 22-25 | Chicago, Illinois**

Each year, over 2,000 community college trustees, presidents, and other thought leaders throughout the United States and abroad gather at the ACCT Leadership Congress. ACCT members are invited to submit proposals for presentations that highlight groundbreaking and influential programs that advance governance practices and the student success movement. For guidelines and to submit your proposal online, go to www.acct.org/call-presentations.

**DEADLINE:** MAY 2, 2014

**QUESTIONS?** E-mail: narcisa_polonio@acct.org OR csage@acct.org
Announcement of Diversity Committee Candidates

The Diversity Committee consists of 10 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 10 to interview and nominate candidates for the Diversity Committee.

2014-2015 Candidates for the ACCT Diversity Committee

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

CENTRAL REGION
Robert Proctor*  
Lansing Community College, MI

NORTHEAST REGION
Fran Smith*  
MassBay Community College, MA

PACIFIC REGION
Edwin Hiel*  
Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District, CA

SOUTHERN REGION
Helen Rosemond-Saunders*  
Tri-County Technical College, SC

WESTERN REGION
Rose Benavidez*  
South Texas College, TX

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

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

CENTRAL REGION
Robert Proctor  
Lansing Community College, MI

I currently serve as a member of the ACCT Diversity Committee, elected in 2012. In 2013 I was elected as Chair-Elect of the committee.

I am an American Red Cross-certified diversity trainer. I have been a volunteer with the Mid-Michigan Chapter (MMC) of the American Red Cross (ARC) for more than 25 years. As an MMC volunteer, I have twice served as chair of the chapter’s Diversity Committee. I have also served as the diversity consultant on the ARC’s Great Lakes Area Service Council. My volunteer service with the ARC includes chairing the MMC Board of Directors and the Michigan Red Cross Coordinating Committee.

I have been a trustee of Lansing Community College since July 2003, with service as Secretary/Treasurer and Chair of the Presidential Search Committee. I currently serve as the board of trustees’ liaison to the President’s Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion.

NORTHEAST REGION
Fran Smith  
MassBay Community College, MA

I would like the opportunity to serve a second term on the Diversity Committee because of my deep commitment to increasing educational equity and eliminating disparities impacting diverse community college students. My thirty years of experience as a racial justice advocate working to address structural racism in the Boston Public School system has allowed me to gain the awareness, knowledge, skills, and expertise to effectively assist ACCT in achieving the Diversity Committee’s mission. In my first term, I engaged the committee by initiating courageous conversations about difficult, but essential issues such as the impact of unconscious bias on student success and college completion. As a result, a subcommittee was formed to explore how ACCT can address it. I am eager to serve a second term and continue our collective work exploring ways to address a wider range of educational equity issues including stereotyping, internalized oppression, privilege, and LGBT concerns.

PACIFIC REGION
Edwin Hiel  
Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District, CA

I am Edwin Hiel, a trustee for almost four years in the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District. I want to join the ACCT Diversity Committee.

I worked with the U.S. Peace Corps for eight years in South America—an experience that changed the way I see the world. I became enthralled with the challenge of learning a new culture and developed a high level of cultural competency; I met my wife while in Ecuador.

I have two graduate degrees, one obtained through a unique multicultural counseling program. Also, I support a diverse group of students as a tenured counseling faculty member at San Diego City College. I provide EEO and diversity training for hiring committee members and also investigate complaints of harassment and discrimination on campus.

I understand the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion for the future of community colleges and the impact on student success; indeed, these are primary values of mine.
As a retired high school counselor and educator of 38 years in public education, I continue to encourage students young and old to go to school to increase their knowledge in order to further their careers. Learning is a lifelong experience that never stops. This must be conveyed to everyone with whom we come in contact.

For the past year and a half I have served on the ACCT Diversity Committee and I wish to serve another term. Two years is not enough to scratch the surface of diversity issues and sharing with all that diversity is an important aspect of our society. It is imperative that community colleges continue to diversify their programs and recruitment efforts to meet the needs of the people. I am proud to be a member of the ACCT Diversity Committee and would like to continue to represent the Southern Region, sharing the goals and objectives with the trustees whom I represent.

WESTERN REGION

Rose Benavidez
South Texas College, TX

Motivated by the power of education and the spirit of public service, I seek to represent the Western Region on the ACCT Diversity Committee. I have been privileged to serve my community and hope to continue to build and reinforce opportunities for collaborative success that ensure our students’ educational needs are met and exceeded. As a native of Starr County, Texas and the 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 hard to assist in reducing many of these obstacles by dedicating my professional career to developing the local economy, while improving access to education and creating job opportunities.

I would be honored to be a voice for those in our minority communities who often face a lifetime of disadvantages by working with my colleagues to develop an accessible lifeline of achievement.
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 deadline of July 1.

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 1 deadline will receive election-related reminders from ACCT and will have the opportunity to request 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 Thursday during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress in order to campaign prior to the election during the Senate Meeting on Friday.

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.

Nominations for Director-at-Large

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT IS JULY 1, 2014

You are encouraged to submit your nomination via e-mail to nominations@acct.org.

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations for Director-at-Large positions will be accepted at the ACCT office until **July 1, 2014**.

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. According to 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.

If you wish to run for a Director-at-Large seat in Chicago during the 2014 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 by e-mail (preferred method) by close of business **July 1, 2014** or by postal service with a postmark date of **July 1, 2014**.

The President will send candidate information received within the prescribed postmarked deadline to the ACCT membership in September.

Official notification from candidates shall consist of:

- A letter of declaration to run for office;
- A letter of support from the individual’s board;
- A one-page résumé that should focus on community college-related service and other civic activities and may include brief information on education and occupation;
- A narrative statement, not to exceed 150 words, on qualifications (electronically preferred), for inclusion in voting materials to be printed;
- A 5” x 7” head-and-shoulders photo, preferably color (photos will not be returned), or a color electronic version (preferred) — 300 dpi or higher; and
- An optional single letter of support from an ACCT member board. This letter of support must be limited to one page.

You are encouraged to submit your nomination by e-mail. 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, 1233 20th Street, NW, Suite 301, Washington, DC 20036.

Note: Nominations will be accepted from the floor on all elections.
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 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 no later than 30 days in advance time of the Senate meeting at which the resolutions shall be considered.
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 reports shall be distributed to the Voting Members of the Association no later than 30 days in advance time 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 and, 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.
Your 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 mission: Promoting Effective Board Governance through Advocacy and Education.

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, DC. 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, DC

- February 9 – 12, 2015
- February 8 – 11, 2016
- February 6 – 9, 2017

Note: In 2015, the Community College National Legislative Summit will continue to take place from Tuesday through Thursday in order to maximize contact with Members of Congress. Please be sure to note this change on your calendar.
Nominating Committee Members Currently Serving

Elections for Regional Nominating Committee members will be held at the 2014 ACCT Leadership Congress in Chicago, Illinois during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings on Thursday, October 23 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Below are the members currently serving on Regional Nominating Committees and their corresponding term expirations. Please note that terms due to expire in 2014 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 2014)
• Jan Lund, Committee Chair
  Iowa Lakes Community College, IA
  Term Expiration: 10/2014
• Joan DiLeonardi, Oakton Community College, IL
  Term Expiration: 10/2014
• Melissa Hattman, St. Louis Community College, MO
  Term Expiration: 10/2014
• Dawn Erlandson, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, MN
  Term Expiration: 10/2015
• Larry Meyer, Lansing Community College, MI
  Term Expiration: 10/2015

NORTHEAST REGION (3 seats expire in 2014)
• Cid Wilson, Committee Chair
  Bergen Community College, NJ
  Term Expiration: 10/2015
• Lynn Skerpon, Prince George’s Community College, MD
  Term Expiration: 10/2014
• Mary Lou Dillon, Rockland Community College, NY
  Term Expiration: 10/2014*
• David Phillips, Massasoit Community College, MA
  Term Expiration: 10/2014*
• Jeremiah White, Jr., Community College of Philadelphia, PA
  Term Expiration: 10/2015
  *Elected or appointed to a one-year partial term to fill a vacancy and therefore eligible for reelection.

PACIFIC REGION (1 seat expires in 2014)
• Ron Pittman, Committee Chair
  Chemeketa Community College, OR
  Term Expiration: 10/2014
• John Leal, State Center Community College District, CA
  Term Expiration: 10/2015
• Randolph Lumm, Maricopa County Community College District, AZ
  Term Expiration: 10/2015
• Vicki Orrico, Bellevue College, WA
  Term Expiration: 10/2015
• Sekuini Seva’aetasi, American Samoa Community College, AS
  Term Expiration: 10/2015

SOUTHERN REGION (3 seats expire in 2014)
• Bruce Neilson, Committee Chair
  Northern Virginia Community College, VA
  Term Expiration: 10/2014
• Robert Brown, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LA
  Term Expiration: 10/2014*
• Ric Clifford, Northwest Arkansas Community College, AR
  Term Expiration: 10/2014*
• Tamela “Tami” Cullens, South Florida State College, FL
  Term Expiration: 10/2015
• Dallas Freeman, Fayetteville Technical Community College, NC
  Term Expiration: 10/2015
  *Appointed to a one-year partial term to fill a vacancy and therefore eligible for reelection.

WESTERN REGION (2 seats expire in 2014)
• Charlie Krebs, Committee Chair
  Central Wyoming College, WY
  Term Expiration: 10/2015
• William Greenhill, Tarrant County College District, TX
  Term Expiration: 10/2014
• Helen Griffin, Southeast Community College, NE
  Term Expiration: 10/2014
• Allen Benson, Murray State College, OK
  Term Expiration: 10/2015
• Mary Ann Flunder, Kansas City KS Community College, KS
  Term Expiration: 10/2015

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

Central Regional Chair
Diane Gallagher
w.galager@mchsi.com

Southeastern Regional Chair
Randall Jackson
RJackson@buccat.org

Northeastern Regional Chair
William E. Coleman, Jr.
vecbuc@aol.com

Western Regional Chair
Robert Feit
rf10644@windstream.net

Pacific Regional Chair
Jim Harper
jam.barber@pcc.edu
ACCT Board Committees Seek Associates for 2015

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 2015 will be formed before the first of the year. Member trustees are asked to indicate their interest in serving as an associate committee member for a one-year term by September 12, 2014. Those interested in serving should submit the 2015 Associate 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.) 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 support 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 the Board Policies. By accepting 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; identify issues and recommend strategies to encourage the participation of committee members. 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 — The Public Policy 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 associate 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 Board of Directors.

Associate members may be appointed to a committee 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 their appointment to an ACCT committee.

Please Note: Associate Committee Members currently serving in 2014 MUST re-apply if they are interested in serving in 2015. 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 2015 immediately prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit scheduled February 9-12, 2015 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C., and a day or two before the ACCT Leadership Congress in San Diego, California on October 14-17, 2015. 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. 2015 Associate Committee Interest Form (see page 11); 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 12, 2014. Send to the ACCT Chair, assocmemb@acct.org, electronic mail preferred, or via standard mail to ACCT, 1233 20th Street, NW, Suite 301, Washington, DC 20036; FAX (202) 223-1297.
2015 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 Committee

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