ACC Opportunities for FITs and Early Career Members Webinar

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7:00 pm – 8:00 pm ET

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50,817 Members Worldwide

- Cardiovascular Specialists 40,621
- Resident/Student 178
- Fellows-in-Training 5,735 (includes Intl. FIT)
- CV Team Members 4,284
- CV Administrators 578
- Distribution: U.S. 36,818 International: 13,976
- 33 International Chapters
- Gender: Male 81% Female 19%
- Career Stage: In Training 11%; Early 16%; Mid 19%; Late 29%

Section and Council Definitions

- **Section** - Members who actively align themselves around an area of clinical or professional interest. Typically pay $35/year to join a member community.

- Sections are governed by a corresponding **Section Leadership Council**. A section leadership council is a leadership group comprised of members appointed by the president.
Current ACC Section Leadership
Councils and Sections

- Academic Cardiology
- Adult Congenital and Pediatric Cardiology
- Cardiovascular Care Team
- Cardiovascular Imaging
- CV Management
- Early Career Professionals
- Electrophysiology
- Federal Cardiology
- Fellows in Training
- Geriatric Cardiology
- Heart Failure and Transplant
- Interventional
- Peripheral Vascular Disease
- Prevention
- Sports and Exercise Cardiology
- Surgeons
- Women in Cardiology

Section & Section Leadership Council Functions

- **Articulate professional needs of members** to BOT and relevant College activities.
- Advocate to **advance professional priorities** of special interest areas.
- Identify opportunities to **integrate specific professional/clinical perspective** in ACC strategy.
- **Coordinate members** in key College activities and network among colleagues with similar interests.
- **Collaborate with external stakeholders** consistent with ACC’s strategies.
Examples of Successful Council Activities

• Develop educational programming for Annual Scientific Sessions, CV Summit, and other events
• Participate in NCDR registries by recommending research and publications
• Submit white papers to JACC journals
• Create new member benefits like the Research Funding Database and Mentoring Program
• Engage ACC members through Working Groups

Committees and Councils

• There are a total of 74 Boards, Committees, and Councils within ACC.
• Members (+some external) appointed by President.
• Identify/respond to strategic priorities.
• Develop strategies, recommendations and advise on work to meet the mission of the committee and the College.
ACC Leadership

President: Dr. Kim Allan Williams, Sr.
President-Elect: Dr. Richard A. Chazal
Vice President: Dr. Mary Norine Walsh
Immediate Past President: Dr. Patrick T. O’Gara
Secretary & Chair BOG: Dr. Robert Shor
Treasurer: Dr. Robert Guyton

ACC Leadership Structure

Board of Trustees

PRESIDENTIAL
TEAM

STEERING
COMMITTEE

EXEC
COMMITTEE

BOG
Leaders

Board of
Governors
What do they do?

BOT
- Sets ACC direction
- Sets ACC policy
- Manages financial responsibilities

BOG
- Communicate to BOT and membership (bidirectional)
- Drive better CV care at local level
- Share experience internally & externally

ACC is Member Driven

Members Working in Committees, Sections, & Chapters Recommend Actions

Board Approves

Staff and Volunteers Implement
ACC: Getting Involved

The Path to An Active Membership

ACC State Chapters

• FIT and Early Career representatives on Chapter Councils
• Poster Sessions at Annual Chapter Meetings
• Career Workshops
• Travel Awards to ACC National meetings
• Chapter Sponsored Social Events
  – Pennsylvania Chapter sponsored an event for FITs at a Phillies game.
ACC National

- Committee Appointments
- ACC.15 Programming
- ACC Annual Legislative Conference
- Member Section Working Groups
- ACC.org Contributor
- JACC FIT & Early Career Weekly Page
- FIT and Early Career Newsletter
- Social Media
- ACC Mentoring Program

ACC Annual Meeting Programming

- FIT Educational Sessions: FIT Jeopardy, Stump the Professor, and the FIT Mix and Mingle
- Early Career Sessions and Section Meeting
- FIT and Early Career Lounge Sessions: Meet and Greets with ACC Leadership and Early Career members, ECG Tutorials
- Career Mentoring Events
ACC Social Media

- FIT Targeted Facebook Posts
- Early Career Facebook Group
- #ACCFIT Twitter Posts
- Guest bloggers on the ACC in Touch Blog
- FITs on the GO Blog

Personal Journey

- Starting and growing a family
- Launching an academic career in a competitive environment
- Establishing a practice; volunteering for ACC/AHA
- Recognizing limitations
- Transitioning to a new academic home
- Balancing work life
- Focusing
Your Task for ACC

• Agent
• Ambassador
• Participant
• Communicator
• Leader

Next Steps…

• Identify a need or interest…
• Talk about it!
• Set Goals!
• Follow Through!
Questions?