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**Calendar of Events**

- Award Nominations**  
April 30, 2012
- Abstracts submitted for Annual Meeting**  
May 1, 2012
- The Annual Meeting of ACE**  
September 8th-11th, 2012  
Chicago, IL 60611

**Fellows Corner**

Newly Appointed  
Fellows - Winter 2011  
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Diana M. Bensyl  
David J. Dausey  
Anwar T. Merchant

**Complete Newsletter**

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**President's Letter**

**Robert McKeown**



Greetings to our ACE Fellows, Members, Associate Members and Visitors. In this first letter as ACE president I would like to give you some idea of my vision for the organization and solicit your support in fostering our unique place among epidemiology societies. Some of you have heard me say that there are many definitions of what constitutes a profession, but three characteristics stand out for me and seem especially apt as we think about ACE. Those three attributes of a profession are: (1) expertise in a discipline and commitment to excellence in its practice, (2) commitment to a set of shared values, and (3) commitment to accountability and responsible conduct. These three attributes also define for me what ACE is all about. [\(more\)](#)

**Top Stories**

**Annual Meeting Planning**

**Denise Oleske:** Chair, Program Planning Committee  
**Melissa Adams:** Member Program Planning Committee  
**Call for Abstracts**



The ACE invites the submission of abstracts for poster presentations at our Annual Meeting, which will be held at **The InterContinental Hotel, Chicago, IL, September 8-11, 2012**. Poster presentations provide an opportunity for participants to share their work with interested colleagues in an informal, relaxed setting. To submit an abstract, authors do not need to be a Member or a Fellow of ACE. [\(more\)](#)



**Request for Abstract Reviewers**

ACE asks its Members and Fellows to volunteer to review abstracts that submitted for ACE's annual meeting in 2012. Approximately 25 reviewers will be needed. By May 11, ACE will send each reviewer 10 or fewer abstracts. [\(more\)](#)

# From the Board of Directors

## Associate Directors Report

**Joe Holbrook and Bertha Hidalgo**

### Outgoing and Incoming Associate Directors

We are pleased to report that the Associate Members have been actively working to roll out a variety of new projects and activities for the coming year! Among them is the debut of our new Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/joinACE](http://www.facebook.com/joinACE). Please visit our page and "Like" us, so that you may receive news and updates related to the ACE Associate Member Activities! ([more](#))

## Committees

### Policy Committee

**Chair: Ross Brownson**

#### Translating epidemiologic research into policy: What are we learning across diverse topics in public health?

Epidemiology underlies sound public health practice, yet the process of translating epidemiologic research into policy, law, and regulation may be complex, uncertain, and daunting. A major focus of the ACE Policy Committee has been a series of symposia designed to review processes by which epidemiologic evidence is translated into policy. The Committee sponsored a special panel at the June 2011 Congress of Epidemiology in Montreal. ([more](#))

### Communications Committee

**Chairperson: Cathy Critchlow**

**Vice-Chair: Jan M Eberth**



Cathy Critchlow

Work on the website continues- and we still need help! Please send us pictures for a slideshow on the homepage (Chathy Critchlow at [ccritchl@amgen.com](mailto:ccritchl@amgen.com) or Jan Eberth at [jmeberth@mdanderson.org](mailto:jmeberth@mdanderson.org)). We have a few, but we need more pictures to show the diversity of ACE activities. ([more](#))

### Publication Committee

**Chair: John Acquavella**



John Acquavella

The Publication Committee's mission is to support the College's Annual Meeting, to be the liaison with the *Annals of Epidemiology*, and to coordinate publications drafted on behalf of ACE. Consistent with this mission, the committee will focus on 5 initiatives for fiscal year 2011-12.

The first initiative is to coordinate the poster session for the 2012 Chicago Annual Meeting. ([more](#))

## Nominations Committee

**Chair: Craig Newschaffer**

This year there will be open calls for nominations for the following awards the College will bestow at its 2012 Annual Meeting in Chicago:

***The Abraham Lilienfeld Award*** for career achievement in teaching, mentoring and scholarship.

***The 2012 Student Prize*** for a paper presenting original epidemiologic research completed by a student in training.

***The Annual Award for Outstanding Contribution to Epidemiology*** which will go to an active epidemiologist working in etiologic research, methods development or applied epidemiology.

Please check the [Awards 2012 page](#) on the ACE website after January 15th for 2012 updated calls for nominations and more award details. ***Nominations will be due by April 30, 2012.***

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## Commentary

The ACE committees are working hard on our behalf. Be sure to give them the feedback they need and volunteer to review some abstracts.

Carol Burns, Editor