PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Greater Charlotte ACRP members,

It is hard to believe that 2015 is coming to a close and that we will once again be casting ballots for the 2016 board. Thank you for this opportunity to have served you! Please consider volunteering, whether on the board, a committee, or simply by providing topic ideas or suggestions for improvement.

Looking forward to 2016, I am especially excited to have the 2016 ACRP Expo within driving distance next April. I attended for the first time in 2015 and got so much more out of the conference than I had expected! There was a broad range of topics and speakers that were true experts in their field. Despite the large conference facility, there were plenty of opportunities for one-on-one conversations with speakers, attendees and other chapters leaders. There were also really great small group sessions with the chance to get all of my questions answered – my favorite was the chance to pick the brains of representatives from Cerner and Epic’s research division! I hope that many of you get the chance to attend next year. We are eligible for a group discount if 3 or more from our chapter register before the end of the year, but we must register together. Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to join us.

You may have noticed the changes to the website and outreach efforts by ACRP in the past year. ACRP has also been reaching out to chapter leadership to serve as a partner and guide. In addition to the excellent educational and networking opportunity that ACRP provides, explore the revamped site and take advantage of the webpage resources and all that your ACRP membership has to offer.

We welcome our 22 new members that joined in 2015 and thank our 107 current chapter members! We hope to hear your suggestions for how our chapter can better serve you.

Melanie Hogg, CCRA
President 2015

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Holiday Party

Please join GCACRP Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at the South Park Whole Foods Queen’s corner wine bar at 6610 Fairview Road from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for our Annual Holiday Gathering / End of Year Business Meeting and Election of Board Members. Please join us for fun, appetizers and beverages.

The election ballot is on page 4 of the newsletter and paper ballots will be available at the Holiday Party. Please send your completed ballot to Gale Groseclose at Gale.Groseclose@carolinashealthcare.org or bring it to the party. Jessica Kearney-Bryan is our President in 2016. Please contact Gale if you may be interested in our position for chapter Secretary.
GCACRP COMMITTEES

The Greater Charlotte Chapter of ACRP has a proud history of providing support and educational opportunities to the Charlotte research community. This is done completely through the work of dedicated volunteers. If you would be interested in serving on any of our committees, please contact Melanie Hogg.

- **Membership Committee**: Love to meet new people and network? Share your enthusiasm by chairing the membership committee.
- **Publication Committee**: Handy with newsletter software? Great at distribution lists? Minimal commitment is needed to create and distribute 2-3 newsletters per year.
- **Program Committee**: This is the most time consuming but also the most rewarding. Plan on a few hours each month to schedule a venue, secure a speaker, submit a contact hour application to ACRP and arrange for catering for 4 chapter programs and the Fall Conference. Many hands make light the work. This is a great opportunity to get to know industry leaders from across the nation.

If you know of someone who would like to be added to the distribution list, please contact Reggie McFadden at 704-355-7608
Regina.mcfadden@carolinas.org

GCACRP was founded in June 1996. Our goals for establishing the chapter were to provide effective means to:

- Professional Interaction With Colleagues;
- Advanced Continuing Education;
- Providing A Readily Accessible Mechanism For Regional Program Development;
- Furnishing Improved Access To ACRP Membership Resources and Opportunities Including Certification With Contact Hours.

Did you know that our original logo was designed by a young Ben Connell, our now Treasurer, when the chapter was founded? It was retired last year when ACRP generated our new logo.
Upcoming ACRP Events

HOLIDAY SALE
50% OFF
eLEARNING
WITH

Through Dec 31*! See the ACRP site
http://www.acrpnnet.org/MainMenuCategory/Education/Featured-Courses/eLearning.aspx

ARE YOU GOING TO THE ACRP 2016 EXPO IN ATLANTA?

IF 3 OR MORE FROM GCACRP ATTEND, ALL WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL DISCOUNT. CONTACT MELANIE HOGG FOR DETAILS. EVERYONE MUST REGISTER TOGETHER.

ACRP MEETING & EXPO
2016
ATLANTA
APRIL 16-19

REGISTER & SAVE!
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS EXPIRE DEC 31
We Need You!
Get Involved and Help the Greater Charlotte Chapter Ensure Continued Success

If you have been wondering how to get more involved with our Chapter, now is your chance! Taking advantage of one of our Chapter’s leadership opportunities is critical to the continued growth and success of the Greater Charlotte Chapter. Volunteering your time and expertise to focus on specific initiatives, issues and programs of importance to our industry, as well as meeting the needs of our membership, is crucial. Through your continued involvement and support, you can help us reach some of our future goals of regional program development, certification and scholarships for national events.

Remember, our Chapter was formed in order to provide clinical research professionals a means for professional interaction, continued education, networking and to provide ACRP benefits at the local level. Without your support and continued involvement, we cannot function as a Chapter. Together we can accomplish common goals and achieve mutual benefit through our enthusiastic support of our Chapter!

We are currently seeking nominees for the 2016 Chapter Officers. If you know of someone who might be interested in serving as an officer, or you would like to nominate yourself, please contact Gale Groseclose at Gale.Groseclose@carolinashealthcare.org. Elections will be held during our holiday meeting and all newly-elected officers will assume their responsibilities in January.

Please vote for the slate of officers below or you may write in a candidate. If you write in, please secure the person’s permission first.

Jessica Kearney-Bryan will be the 2016 Board President as she was elected last year as President Elect.

_________ President Elect: Perla Nunes
The President Elect participates as a board member for one year prior to their term as President. The President Elect supports the President in his/her duties. The President will preside at all regularly scheduled meetings, attend monthly Chapter President conference calls, guide the Chapter towards meeting its goals and be responsible for ensuring that the members’ needs are requests are met.

_________ Secretary: Position Available
The Secretary manages the administrative activities of the organization such as: taking and recording the minutes of Chapter meetings, taking care of the distribution of newsletters/announcement for upcoming Chapter events/seminars, and will maintain the membership lists.

_________ Treasurer: Ben Connell
The Treasurer will prepare the financial documents for annual reports to ACRP national and will manage all aspects of the Chapter’s financial business.

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