Dear Chapter Members,

As cooler weather approaches in the fall season of thanksgiving, I want to express my appreciation for allowing me to serve as the President of the ACRP Greater San Antonio Chapter since January 2012. At last year’s winter social a proposal to amend the By-Laws was accepted, and extended the chapter officers’ term from 1 year to 2 years, and now I find myself amazed at how time flies.

Looking back on this experience, we had three educational events in 2012 with significant turnout from both ACRP members and the larger community of San Antonio – in total, 122 attended at the events in February, April, and August. In collaboration with the University of Texas Health Science Center-Office of Clinical Research, in March 2013 we viewed an ACRP webinar, FDA Regulatory Update: What’s New in GCP Expectations that garnered attention from both ACRP and SoCRA members. We hosted a panel discussion in July 2013, attended by 16 members and non-members, entitled “Planning and Managing for Success: Clinical Research Considerations”. This presentation format was a first for our chapter and was well received --- worth doing again!

Moving forward, the Chapter eagerly awaits participating in activities during the 2014 Global Conference in San Antonio, April 26-29.

We encourage feedback and welcome any member to participate in the Chapter governance. During our next Chapter meeting, we will be holding elections for all Officer positions so please be sure to nominate anyone you feel will bring value to our Chapter (including yourself) by November 18th.

My thanks to all of you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you during future Chapter meetings.

Sincerely,
Holly R. Nolan, MS

“Research has shown that people who volunteer often live longer.”
Allen Klein
Planning for Success: Clinical Research Considerations

**Presenters:** Dr. Steven Weitman, Melissa Nashawati, Harvonya Perkins, Rhonda Yeatts (Holly Nolan, moderator)

**When:** July 25, 2013 at 4:30PM

**Where:** UTHSCSA School of Nursing, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, TX 78229

**Program Agenda:**
- 4:15 – 4:45pm: Registration and Refreshments
- 4:45 – 6:45pm: Presentation
- 6:45 – 7:30pm: Social and Networking

**Chapter Notes:** 16 attended, approved for 2.0 contact hours

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**Program Description**

Using a panel discussion format, the presenters and attendees explored the latest thinking and best practice to: describe what constitutes a successful clinical trial; identify common assessment areas for study feasibility; define operations and logistics planning for trials; discuss considerations for financial planning and personnel resources; describe approaches for developing recruitment strategies; and explore Quality Assurance methodologies. The panel responded to information collected from the literature in these areas, and conveyed their personal experience, observations and lessons learned. The audience also engaged the panel in discussion.

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**Officer Nominations and Elections**

Nominations will be accepted through November 18th, for all Chapter Officer positions (listed to the left). Descriptions of each position are found in the Chapter Bylaws, Section 3.5, located on the Chapter website at [http://www.acrpnet.org/GetInfoFor/USChapters/GreaterSanAntonio.aspx](http://www.acrpnet.org/GetInfoFor/USChapters/GreaterSanAntonio.aspx). The Nominations Committee will distribute via email a list of nominations during the second week of November. Please send nominations to che@uthscsa.edu for processing and review.

Elections will be held at the Chapter Meeting / Webinar / Social, November 20th. Chapter Members can cast their votes in person or via proxy.

All Chapter Members are eligible for nominations.

Questions? Please contact [sa_acrp@hotmail.com](mailto:sa_acrp@hotmail.com).
2013 Winter Social

SAVE THE DATE --- The annual Greater San Antonio 2013 Winter Social will be held on November 20, 2013 immediately following a Webinar and Chapter Meeting (during which votes for the Bi-Annual Election will be collected and counted), 6:00pm-8:00 pm. One hour of business & education, one hour of fun!  STAY TUNED FOR THE LOCATION

Now accepting suggestions for locations to hold quarterly meetings! Friendly reminder, our social events are open to all persons interested in clinical research! Bring a non-member or friend to any event, so they can find out more about our Chapter.

Get Involved!

Do you currently have an open position for employment in either the clinical research, biotechnology, data management or regulatory fields that needs to be filled?

Do you have any suggestions on new and intriguing topics for Speaking Events?

Do you want to make a commitment to serve as a Chapter Officer, as a personal or professional goal for growth?

Do you want to become more involved in the Chapter?

We want to hear from you! This newsletter can include job postings, articles, columns, editorials, and whatever else a Member might find of value. We need your help to make it happen.

Please contact sa_acrp@hotmail.com for further information about publishing content for the newsletter.

Members:

Please contact the officers and volunteer to assist in planning our Chapter participation and support of the 2014 ACRP Global Conference in San Antonio!