

2026 ACD Annual Meeting FAQs

How do I register for the meeting?

*Registration is available through our website at **www.acd.org**. If you encounter any issues, please do not hesitate to contact us at 301-977-3223.*

Why does it cost $295 to join the ACD?

The induction fee covers the expense of nominees' attendance at the Annual Meeting and Convocation. Specifically, it includes:

- *The gown rental for Convocation.*
- *One ticket to the Toast to the Fellowship.*
- *One seat at the Fellowship breakfast.*
- *Two hours of CE.*
- *One seat at the Convocation Luncheon.*
- *The fellowship pin and certificate.*

Are there more ACD Events to register for? If so, who can attend?

We encourage you to register for additional ACD events, such as the Regency Dinner and the Convocation Celebration Dinner Under the Stars, as these events often sell out quickly. While you are welcome to bring your family to the ACD Meeting, please note that these two events are limited to you and one guest due to high demand.

What can I expect from the Convocation ceremony?

Rich in tradition, the ceremony incorporates many historic ceremonial procedures. Participants wear ACD academic regalia, and distinguished awardees are honored. Guests are welcome to attend free of charge, and the event typically lasts two hours. It is a meaningful occasion to celebrate our history and welcome the future.

Does the membership fee cover the first full year of dues?

It covers the last two months of the current year but excludes the first full year of dues (2027). New Fellows will receive their first dues statement in December, after Convocation. Statements reflect both National and Local Section dues. Section dues are returned to the Sections for use in local projects.

I can't attend the Convocation this year. May I delay my induction?

Yes, you can postpone induction for up to one additional year after you are nominated. If you encounter a significant event, like a military deployment, and need to delay again, please contact the office.

I registered and paid for the Annual Meeting and Convocation, but now I cannot attend. Can I apply my payment to next year?

The ACD can sometimes accommodate this request. If you find you cannot attend after registering, please contact our office as soon as possible. We will gladly work with you to find the best solution. Kindly note that refunds cannot be issued after September 1.

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

SANTA BARBARA, CA



Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort

633 E Cabrillo Blvd, Santa Barbara, CA 93103





ACD Annual Meeting & Convocation

October 23 - 24, 2026
Santa Barbara, California

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What can I expect from the C.E. presentations?

Our continuing education is first-in-class! We offer a three-hour ethics session through the American Society for Dental Ethics on Friday, October 23. There is a separate fee for this course, $195, and it always sells out.

On Saturday, October 24, the Fellows Forum is a two-hour continuing education session open to all Fellows and their guests, free of charge. This year, the Fellows Forum is transforming into the ACD Big Ideas Forum, with our Fellows and Friends of the College presenting transformative ideas and then interacting with the audience through a panel discussion.

I have food allergies. Can I request a special meal for the luncheon?

Most entrees are gluten-free. If you need a gluten-free or vegetarian meal, please indicate this on your registration form or call the office at 301-977-3223. Please let us know before September 1! ***We cannot accommodate special meal requests on-site.***

What happens after I am inducted?

You should hear from your Section Chair and Regent very soon after you are inducted. Many Sections will contact you before the Annual Meeting to organize a group dinner out with the Section, or in some other way, make sure they get to meet you. A great way to meet others in your Section and Regency is to attend the Regency Breakout Session. This takes place on Friday, October 23. Most Sections have projects that they sponsor and interact with the local dental schools. We encourage you to get involved!

How is the ACD organized?

The College has eight geographic Regencies, which are subdivided into Sections, with volunteer leadership at each level. You can find out more by visiting our website at acd.org.

What does the ACD do?

The College focuses on programs that fulfill our mission of advancing excellence, ethics, professionalism, and leadership in oral healthcare. We provide ethics and leadership learning materials through the distribution of educational materials to dental schools and a robust online CE program. We also fund scholarships for advanced learning in ethics and leadership. Through our Section Activity Program, we have provided funding for mock peer-review experiences for dental students and helped bring renowned speakers on ethics, professionalism, and leadership to our Sections across the country. We also publish a scholarly journal, the Journal of the American College of Dentists, as well as a newsletter for our Fellows.

When can I start putting FACD after my name?

As soon as you are inducted, we encourage you to add "FACD" to your credentials. A best practice use of "FACD," along with a press release template, will be sent to new Fellows after the annual meeting.

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If you have further questions regarding the 2026 ACD Annual Meeting in Santa Barbara, California, or need assistance with registration, we kindly ask that you contact our office at:

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