

# Special Task Force to Examine Speaker Selection Criteria

As the College's Annual Scientific Conference continues to grow in size and attendance, it is more important than ever to ensure that speaker selection is based on:

- competence;
- expertise;
- firsthand experience;
- platform skills; and
- relevance.

Speaker rotation also helps bring fresh, new talent and perspectives to the podium each year, and attendee evaluations always request more new faces.

ACFAS follows “duty of loyalty” policies that require committees to put the interest of all members ahead of personal agendas. This includes discouraging members from lobbying committee chairs or members to avoid being swayed by self-interests.

The ACFAS Board recently appointed a special task force to examine the College's speaker selection criteria as it relates to its duty of loyalty policies principle. A new speaker selection criteria will be in place by February 2018 for use starting in 2019. The task force will also study other national medical societies' speaker selection procedures for ideas to use in the College.

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