



***2011 Criteria for Outstanding and Excellent Chapter Awards  
International Chapter Activities***

There are a total of 53 possible points. Those chapters receiving a total of 26 points will be recognized as Outstanding Chapters, while those receiving a total of 34 points will be considered as having reached an excellent level of achievement and will be recognized as Excellent Chapters.

1. **MEMBERSHIP** – *A total of 8 points may be awarded for membership activities. For purposes of this section, chapters with fewer than 100 members at the beginning of the year are considered “smaller.”*

A) Increases in a chapter’s membership will yield the following points:

For larger chapters, an increase of 10 – 19 members or  
(For smaller chapters, an increase of 5% to 9%) = 1 point

For larger chapters, an increase of 20 to 24 members or  
(For smaller chapters, an increase of 10% to 19%) = 2 points

For larger chapters, an increase of 25 or more members or  
(For smaller chapters, an increase of 20%) = 3 points

B) Chapters will receive points for having sizable portions of their membership made up of members who are also members of ACI International. The following points will be awarded:

At least 15% of chapter members are also ACI members = 1 point

Greater than 30% of chapter members are also ACI members = 2 points

C) If the number of contractors (or members working for a construction company) in the chapter exceeds 20% of the total membership = 1 point

D) If the number of design professionals (structural/civil engineers) in the chapter exceeds 20% of the total membership = 1 point

E) If two or more affiliate members upgrade to an ACI International membership = 1 point

2. **FINANCE** – A total of 2 points may be awarded for financial growth and stability.

A) If a chapter's net income (total revenue, minus expenses) is greater than the previous year's net income, the chapter will receive points as follows:

Less than 2010 net income	=	0 points
2011 net income greater than 2010 net income by less than 10%	=	1 point
2011 net income greater than 2010 net income by 10% or more	=	2 points

3. **MEETINGS** – A total of 9 points may be awarded for this category.

A) If a chapter (excluding student chapters) conducted general membership meetings (such as lunch or dinner meetings with a speaker, but excluding Board meetings, seminars, short courses, certification exams, and training courses) in the past year, the chapter will receive the following points:

Fewer than 5 meetings	=	0 points
5 to 8 meetings	=	1 point
9 or more meetings	=	2 points

B) The chapter will receive points for total attendance at all general membership meetings based on total attendance as a percentage of chapter membership at the beginning of the year, as follows:

*Example: If a chapter conducts five meetings with a total attendance of 250, and the chapter has 100 members, the chapter will receive 1 point.*

Total meeting attendance less than 2 times chapter membership	=	0 points
Total meeting attendance between 2 and 3 times chapter membership	=	1 point
Total meeting attendance greater than 3 times chapter membership	=	2 points

C) The chapter will also receive points for average attendance at general membership meetings based on average attendance as a percentage of chapter membership at the beginning of the year:

*Example: If a chapter conducts five meetings with an average attendance of 48, and the chapter has a total membership of 100, the average attendance at the meeting is 48% of the total membership the chapter will receive 2 points.*

Average meeting attendance is less than 20% of chapter membership	=	0 points
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Average meeting attendance is 20% to 40% of the chapter membership = 1 point

Average meeting attendance is greater than 40% of the chapter membership = 2 points

D) If the chapter conducted a joint meeting with an allied organization = 1 point

E) Host or sponsor regional or national convention, trade show, or trade expo = 2 points

4. **EDUCATION** - A total of 4 points may be awarded for this category.

A) Chapters will receive points for having sponsored seminars. This includes chapter-organized seminars or short courses and seminars cosponsored with ACI Headquarters but does not include ACI certification training courses. Points are awarded as follows:

1 or 2 seminars = 1 point

3 or more seminars = 2 points

B) The chapter will receive points for total attendance at all seminars sponsored or cosponsored based on total attendance as a percentage of chapter membership at the beginning of the year, as follows:

Total seminar attendance less than 70% of chapter membership = 0 points

Total seminar attendance 70% to 100% of chapter membership = 1 point

Total seminar attendance greater than 100% of chapter membership = 2 points

5. **CERTIFICATION** - A total of 7 points may be awarded for this category.

A) If the chapter sponsors one or more certification program(s) (i.e., Field Technician Grade I and Lab Technician) = 1 point

B) If the chapter conducted two or more certification exams = 2 points

*Example: If a chapter conducts two Field Technician exams or one Field Technician exam and one Inspector exam, the chapter will receive 1 point.*

C) The chapter will receive points for the total number of people certified during (all certification programs combined), as follows:

30 to 59 persons certified = 1 point

60 or more persons certified = 2 points

D) The chapter will receive points for having conducted certification training courses (any ACI certification program), as follows:

1 certification training course = 1 point

2 or more certification training courses = 2 points

E) If the chapter is not an ACI-sponsoring group, but does cosponsor ACI certification programs with the ACI approved sponsoring group in the area = 1 point

6. **AWARDS PROGRAMS** – *A total of 3 points may be awarded for this category.* If the chapter conducts an accepted awards program, the chapter will receive points. Awards programs that qualify for these points are those that recognize concrete construction projects and personal awards. Points are awarded for each type of award, not for the number of awards given to the winner.

*Example: If the chapter conducts a program with 3 award categories such as awards for the most innovative use of concrete, for the best concrete building design, and for the most outstanding bridge construction, the chapter will earn 3 points. However, if the chapter has one award category for the most outstanding building and gives 3 awards (designer, engineer, contractor) only 1 point will be awarded.*

If the chapter conducts an awards program, points will be awarded as follows:

1 award category = 1 point

2 award categories = 2 points

3 or more award categories = 3 points

7. **CHAPTER NEWSLETTER** – *A total of 2 points may be awarded for this category.* Points will be awarded based on the number of issues published.

1 to 2 issues = 1 point

3 or more issues = 2 points

8. **PUBLIC RELATIONS** – *A total of 2 points may be awarded for this category.* Chapters will receive points for the chapter’s activities covered by local newspapers, television, etc. It is expected that chapters will generate local coverage through inexpensive press releases not expensive promotional programs. Points will be awarded based on the number of times chapter events received publicity:

1 or 2 events covered by local media = 1 point

3 or more events covered by local media = 2 points

9. **STUDENT ACTIVITIES** – A total of 9 points may be awarded for this category.

- A) If the chapter provides at least \$500 towards student scholarships (either those administered by ACI Headquarters or local scholarships administered by the chapter) = 1 point
- B) How many students are e-members
- 1 - 10 = 1 point
- 11 or more = 2 points
- C) Does chapter provide MCP access to professors
- 1 - 3 = 1 point
- 4 or more = 2 points
- D) If the chapter sponsors a student competition = 1 point
- E) If the chapter supports student chapters, it will receive points as follows:
- 1 student chapter = 1 point
- 2 or more student chapters = 2 points
- F) Did chapter sponsor a student team for an ACI convention
- No = 0 points
- Yes = 1 point

10. **CONVENTIONS** – A total of 3 points may be awarded for this category.

- A) Chapters whose officers attend ACI conventions will be awarded points. The number of points is based on the number of officers and the number of times attended. Points are awarded as follows:

*Example: If two of the chapter's officers attended the spring convention and two attended the fall convention that would be a total of four convention attendances (regardless of whether the officers attending in the fall were the same as those attending in the spring, the chapter would receive 2 points.)*

- 1 or 2 officer convention attendances = 1 point
- 3 or more officer convention attendances = 2 points
- B) If the chapter provided financial support of at least \$100 for one or more of its officers to attend an ACI convention = 1 point

11. **COMMITTEES** - *A total of 2 points may be awarded for this category.*
- A) If chapter has technical committees = 1 point
  - B) If chapter develops technical publications (in accordance with ACI technical guidelines) = 1 point
12. **MISCELLANEOUS** - *A total of 4 points may be awarded for this category.*
- A) Did the chapter sponsor a one day seminar involving an ACI member from another country = 1 point
  - B) ACI makes ACI technical publications available to chapters on a consignment basis so that ACI documents are available locally. If the chapter sold any of these publications during the current year, chapter will receive = 1 point
  - C) If the chapter submits the combined Annual Report/ Awards Application for 2011 = 1 point
  - D) If the chapter participates in an ACI International chapter roundtable by sending a chapter officer = 1 point

**TOTAL POINTS**

To receive an Outstanding Award, a chapter must receive a minimum of 50% of available points.

To receive an Excellent Award, a chapter must receive at least 65% of available points.