Hello!

Welcome from the leadership of AECT. We’ve each been elected president for a one-year term over the past three years. We decided to lead AECT as volunteers because we believe so strongly in its mission.

AECT is a community of diverse professionals who are committed to education and finding the best uses of technology to create a rich learning environment. Our members are passionate and dedicated. Many volunteer to assist with AECT’s mission, including serving on the board, reviewing papers, helping with the annual international convention, and joining a variety of committees. You can hone your leadership skills as an AECT member.

The annual international convention brings together our members from around the world. They participate in member-led workshops and present peer-reviewed papers; more than 900 papers and presentations were submitted for the 2019 convention in Las Vegas. The energy at the convention is always amazing.

We have partnerships with Springer and Routledge/Taylor & Francis that provide opportunities for our members to publish their work. AECT’s Educational Technology Research and Development (ETR&D) and TechTrends are leading journals in the field. Members have access to these and more in our online reference library.

AECT also hosts online events and webinars on leading-edge issues and has the largest video library in the industry, all available to members.

While AECT has a small staff at its headquarters in Bloomington, Indiana, it is primarily led by its members. We encourage you to become a member and see for yourself why so many of us have committed to this organization as a cornerstone of our professional and career development efforts.

Sincere regards,
Trey, Michael, Xun
Network with your peers. Boost your career.

The Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) is an international organization that values diversity of thought, culture, and people whose activities are directed toward improving learning.

AECT members may be found in colleges and universities; in the Armed Forces and industry; in museums, libraries, and hospitals; and in any other places where learning takes place. AECT members include instructional designers, researchers, professors and teachers, educational technologists, and other professionals united by a passion for improving teaching and learning.

Our members serve in many different settings including education, business and industry, non-profits, military, health care, and other environments.

“AECT means a lot to me. It is my family and a place where I can grow professionally. I’m glad that I am a member of it!”

Szu-Yueh (Justine) Chien, Ph.D.
University of Wisconsin-Extension
Member-led and Member-driven

At AECT, our members are in charge. Members elect AECT’s officers, including the president. Members lead the divisions. Members write the papers that are presented at the annual convention, and members review those papers for inclusion in the convention. Members lead a variety of other events, including online webinars.

The small AECT staff in Bloomington, IN is dedicated to serving our members around the world.

Members drive AECT.

“AECT is my professional home. People from the very beginning have been accessible and keenly focused on their passions in the field.”

Tonya Amankwata
Assistant Vice Provost, Distance Education and Extended Learning, North Carolina A&T State University
What drives you? Where do you focus your professional energies? How do you hone your expertise in your specialty area?

AECT divisions give you a chance to dig in to your areas of passion with like-minded professionals from around the world. Join a division. Lead a division. Represent a division on the board.

**AECT Divisions**

- Design and Development
- Distance Learning
- Culture, Learning, and Technology
- Emerging Learning Technologies
- Graduate Student Assembly
- International
- Learner Engagement
- Organizational Training & Performance
- Research & Theory
- Technology-Integrated Learning
- Systems Thinking & Change
- Teacher Education

“When I wanted to get involved, there were many opportunities. All the members want to make sure that you have a place where you are contributing.”

**Sean Jackson**

AECT Intern, Computer Science Teacher/Co-CIO, Mason County Schools, Maysville, Kentucky
Many AECT members are tenure-track faculty at universities around the world. It's been said that to succeed, it's publish or perish. AECT takes a longer view of publishing as a key outcome of research that leads to breakthroughs in the field.


Want to publish? [AECT gives you an inside track](#).
AECT provides its members many opportunities to present their work. The annual international convention has more than 500 peer-reviewed papers that are presented from members from around the world.

The annual summer research symposium has become another opportunity for members to present their work in a setting of their peers.

Many AECT divisions host webinars that provide even more opportunities for members to present their work.

Have something to say about your research? AECT provides many forums for you to shine.

“AECT provides a great chance to share ideas with people from around the world who are interested in educational technology.”

Ting Wen
Research Fellow, Beijing Normal University
World-Class Resources

“\textbf{I came to this field later in life. I have been welcomed with support and enthusiasm from my AECT community.}”

\textbf{Sharon Stidham, Ph.D.}  
Virginia Tech

\textbf{Looking for professional development opportunities?}

AECT members have access to many resources both in-person and online. We have the largest print and video libraries in the industry. Webinars and presidential and special sessions are available at the click of a button.
2019 AECT International Convention

October 21–25
Las Vegas, Nevada

Inspired Professional Learning.
Inspired Learning Professionals.

The annual AECT International Convention brings together participants from around the world, offering practical applications, cutting-edge research, hands-on workshops, and demonstrations of new technologies in teaching and learning.

The 2019 convention will take place October 21–25 in Las Vegas, Nevada with more than 500 peer-reviewed sessions and 30-plus professional development workshops.

AECT also hosts an annual research symposium and many additional international events each year.
AECT History

AECT’s roots trace to 1922, when people began to think about developing learning strategies in a systematic way. These efforts were greatly accelerated during and after World War II as new technologies made efficient teaching and learning paramount. These approaches were eventually codified as a new field, instructional design.

As technology evolved, notably with the development of computing power since the 1970s, academics and practitioners have sought ways to use these new technologies to enhance teaching and learning. The advent of the internet in the 1990s made the delivery of online courses possible, which democratized learning for the masses.

AECT has been there through every stage of this incredible evolution of technology and learning. For nearly a century, AECT has been the preeminent organization for professionals dedicated to harnessing technology for better learning. AECT continues to be at the forefront of this evolving field, and we look forward to what the next 100 years will bring.
Join AECT Today!

AECT membership has many benefits that will advance your career, including access to our award-winning journals and member rates for our convention. Most importantly, you’ll become part of the AECT community, which is dedicated to teaching and learning. Join today!

Publishing

AECT partners with leading publishers on a variety of journals in which members can publish. The AECT/Springer Books and Briefs Series and Routledge Key Issues in Learning Design and Technology are great publishing opportunities for members.

Presenting

AECT provides multiple venues for members to present their research, including our annual convention.

Networking

Members join a community of like-minded educators. We all teach, learn, and grow together.

Professional Development

AECT members have access to many professional development opportunities, including in-person and online.

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Upcoming AECT International Conventions:

2019 – Las Vegas, Nevada
2020 – Jacksonville, Florida
2021 – Columbus, Ohio
2022 – Las Vegas, Nevada
2023 – Orlando, Florida