



Arizona

CHAPTER

State Governor: Christian S Breburda MD PhD FACC
Incoming Governor: Kwan Seung Lee MD FACC
CVT State Liaison: Marci Farquhar-Snow MN ACNP AACC
Incoming CVT State Liaison: Sharon Morgan DNP ACNP AACC

The Arizona Chapter had its most successful and dynamic year in 2018 ever:

Member Value and Engagement

Total AZ members – 770
MACC - 1
FACC/Physicians - 576
FIT - 52
CVT - 124
Students - 17

The Board of Directors held two board meetings in spring and fall with a focus on strengthening the subspecialty sections and the future strategic vision for the chapter.

The national BOG meeting recognized the educational efforts of our AZ CVT as our AZ CVT Chapter Chair Marci Farquhar-Snow ACNP, who will become the National CVT State Liaison Chair. Sharon Dickinson PA-C is the Region 2 Director for the ACC State Liaisons. Sharon Morgan ACNP is our incoming AZ CVT State Liaison.

The chapter awarded Dr Wilber Su, section chair EP Banner University the AZ ACC Teaching Award 2018 and Dr. Kris Vijay, Chair of Heart Failure Abrazo Heart Center Phoenix its Lifetime Achievement Award.

Purposeful Education

We started out in January receiving the “2017 Chapter Recognition Award For Achievement in WIC Member Engagement Awarded to the Arizona Chapter by the National Board of Governor.”

We held our competitive statewide FIT jeopardy completion under the leadership of FIT chair Dr Santosh Desai and entered the semifinals at the annual Scientific Sessions FIT Jeopardy competition.

The poster chapter competition winners were:

1st place: J.R.Exequiel “Keng” Pineda, MD, PhD; University of Arizona College of Medicine Tucson - Persistent Fetal Cardiac Troponin
2nd place: Giuliana Repeti; University of Arizona College of Medicine Tucson - 3D Imaging
3rd place (tie): Justin Lee; Mayo Clinic Arizona - Stroke in Lead Extraction
Pierce Bradley; University of Arizona College of Medicine Tucson - Post-Hoc Evaluation of Immune Response

The CVT team held its second annual CME Update course for the CVT team at Mayo Clinic under the direction of Marci Farquhar–Snow ACNP. Interprofessional speakers were represented and a poster session was held.

Dr Wilber Su held two large EP section interactive Case Symposia at the Phoenix OdySea Aquarium.

Dr. Lee, our incoming Governor elect, held an Interventional FIT Jeopardy competition in Tucson in November 2018 which uniquely featured a finalist procedural simulation showdown of a STEMI and is planning a state FIT jeopardy competition for January 2019. More sub-specialty FIT Jeopardy competitions are planned including in Electrophysiology, Advanced Imaging and Heart Failure

A CME Heart Failure Dinner talk is planned in Tucson in January 2019 and a Vascular Case Dinner Symposium for February 2019 in Phoenix will be held.

We had a tremendously successful ACC AZ Annual Meeting: 35 posters, 110 participants, 12 cutting edge state specialists updates, academic debates and awards: biggest event ever.

Our ACC AZ Chair of Innovation Dr Heuser, Chief of Cardiology, St. Lukes Medical Center Phoenix, held a tremendously successful two day CMT Meeting “Update in CV Management” with a preceding one day CVT/Nurse Symposium at the Biltmore, Phoenix, which was also our dedicated annual chapter fall meeting.

Transformation of Care

President Breburda represented the AZ ACC at several ArMA (Arizona Medical Association) meetings as we participate in the State advocacy efforts of ArMA.

An engaged delegation including FACC, FIT and CVT members were represented ACC AZ at the ACC legislative conference, Washington DC, 9/30-10/1/18.

AZ ACC member Heather Ross DNP ACNP was a Democratic candidate for Arizona's 6th Congressional District in the U.S. House.

Our Arizona ACC website features a Primary PCI digital map of every hospital in the state. This will be updated in 2019 to additionally include public reporting, Structural Heart, Electrophysiology and Cardiac Rehab data.

Diversity and Inclusion

Our November WIC meeting under the leadership of Dr Sarika Desai boasted more than 90 participants, inspiring young women to choose a career in Cardiology.

Our Chapter is as dynamic and energized as never before. A particular focus of our chapter leadership is to engage the mid-career FACC's by organizing numerous educational opportunities including the reintroduction of annual state chapter scientific meetings with poster sessions, dinner symposia, MOC sessions, FIT competitions and the international partnership with the Mexico ACC Chapter.

The vision of AZ ACC's President is to build an active and strong state chapter and Dr. Breburda is deeply grateful that with the help to the engaged Board of Directors and the newly created section chairs we accomplished this goal.