ACD Member Feedback on using the NIH Enterprise Ethics System (NEES)

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Next Steps

• Pilot is completed.

• January 2019, NEES will be the primary filing mechanism for new and current members.
Benefits of NEES

• Has a pre-population function.

• Allows filers to provide information about the entry in the system, e.g., the date and description of the talk or whether or not a consulting arrangement was compensated.

• Requires only one master 450, and not a disclosure report for each Committee you serve on.

• Permits filer to attach brokerage statements rather than typing each entry into the system.
Lessons Learned

• eCommons Accounts
  • Several challenges were identified when logging into NEES
    • Developed a reference guide to quickly troubleshoot and resolve login challenges
      • Not everyone has an active eCommons account
      • Some have more than one eCommons account
    • Reduce the number of system required criteria to allow access to NEES

• NEES
  • Provide clear instructions for how to update pre-populated personal information.
  • Enhance NEES to allow for faster and more accurate reporting, e.g. more prompts and guidance to enter required information.
    • Will reduce the number of times you are contacted
    • Will help to minimize the number of questions you are asked
    • Will result in a more timely appointment to the ACD
“I really liked the system and it should facilitate things moving forward a great deal. Hopefully entries will be saved and prepopulated next time around.”

“Happy to sing its praises and welcome the arrival of this system to the 21st century.”

• Other comments or questions?