

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

Your Feedback

“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?