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# The Women in AMIA

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## BECOMING AN ACMI FELLOW

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# Election to the American College of Medical Informatics



The American College of Medical Informatics came into being in 1984 as a college of elected fellows who have made significant and sustained contributions to the field of biomedical informatics. ACMI has a little over 400 Fellows within AMIA and ACMI Fellows may use the designation FACMI. Women are well-represented within the ACMI ranks.

**How does one become an ACMI Fellow?** You must be nominated by a current ACMI fellow and seconded by another. Somebody may approach you about this, but you also have the option of asking an ACMI Fellow to nominate you—that is common practice. From all nominations, the ACMI nomination committee will select a group to be voted on (this year, they selected 36), and all nominees who receive votes of at least half the voting fellows are elected.

In practice, you will work with your nominator to put together a list of:

- your original contributions to the field from at least ten years before your nomination,
- your current contributions and publications,
- a short summary of your past contributions to AMIA as an organization, and
- another short description of your potential contributions to ACMI.

**What are the advantages to being an ACMI Fellow?** ACMI is a small group by design, which makes it prestigious but also difficult to be elected. One of the main objectives of ACMI membership is “to cultivate leadership for growth of the field,” To facilitate that, ACMI fellows participate in an online community where a variety of topics are discussed and debated. Fellows also have the opportunity to participate in an annual ACMI Winter Symposium usually held in a warm place in February. According to website, “the symposium is a 3-day, highly focused event that gathers today’s informatic leaders to convene in an intimate resort type atmosphere. The fellows discuss and consider presented materials and solutions in order to foster and shape relevant solutions to today’s complex informatic environments.”

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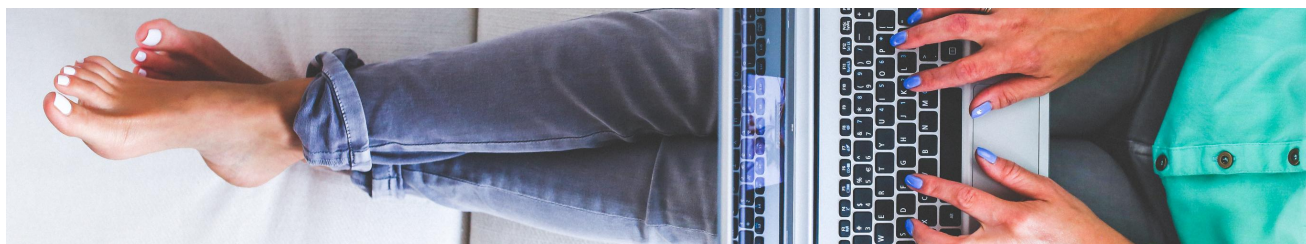
# Election to the American College of Medical Informatics (contd.)

The 2020 ACMI symposium was titled “Clinician Burnout: Is it Informatics’ Fault, and What Can We Do About It?” (see: <https://www.amia.org/2020-acmi-winter-symposium>) Finally, ACMI provides leadership opportunities through its elected Executive Committee: <https://www.amia.org/programs/acmi-fellowship/leadership>.

If you haven't done so already, it's worth thinking about putting together and maintaining a set of documents that describe your accomplishments and contributions to the field (beyond your CV), to AMIA, and what you might contribute as an ACMI Fellow. Application to ACMI is something to aspire to, and it helps to be prepared.







## Drop us a line!

Women in AMIA would love to hear from you about what's working, what's not and what to feature in future editions of the newsletter. We also have some questions for you: How are you dealing with COVID-19? In these trying times, how are you focusing on the positive?

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# Want to be a part of the WIA Podcast team?

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