NEWS FROM THE ABSTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF GROUP PROJECT OR ACTIVITIES – POSTED JUNE 2025

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Activity 1 SCA AM Abstract Review	Review and scoring of abstract submissions for SCA Annual Meeting	Complete
Activity 2 SCA TAS Abstract Review	Review and scoring of abstract submissions for SCA TAS	Complete

SUMMARY OF GROUP MEETINGS

Date	Action Items from Meeting
11/19/2024	Abstract submission site closes, review TAS and SCA abstracts
1/22/2025	Review all abstract reviews, finalize acceptances and rejections, identify top 10% of abstracts to submit to the Research Committee for consideration for BoM and ECI.

COMMITTEE BENCHMARKS

2024 Committee Benchmarks Status Report

1. Collaborating with the Scientific Program Committee, evaluate, review, and score abstracts submitted to
SCA scientific and educational events, such as the Annual Meeting, SCA Echo, TAS, etc. – Completed for 2025
2. Guide methods for bolstering member engagement through abstract submissions and presentations at the abovementioned meetings. – Completed for 2025, increased submissions from the SCA membership compared to 2024
3. Provide feedback to the Scientific Program Committee and the Board of Directors regarding the quantity and quality of scientific abstracts submitted to the abovementioned meetings. -- Completed
4. Will work with Veritas to optimize abstract review reports by Cadmium. Opportunities have been identified to improve reported scoring with specific emphasis on providing individual-reviewer average scores within the report. – Completed, process improved from 2024

BOARD ACTION REQUESTS

Action / Request for BOD Consideration

Approve the addition of 1 Early Career Investigator Award for 2026 for a total of 6 awards going forward.
Award is a $1000.00 cash award to support the expenses for participating in the SCA Annual Meeting.

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POSTED NOVEMBER 2023

Summary of Group Meeting 1: Date: May 6, 2023
- o Inaugural meeting of ARC was held: Committee members introduced themselves; Goals of the committee and the scope of work were reviewed
- o Anticipated workload was reviewed including preliminary timelines for annual meeting abstract reviews.
- o Preferred communication for committee work was determined to be via email due to challenges with cross-institutional access to MS teams.

COLLABORATION
Have discussed anticipated needs for abstract review with Echo Week leadership and offered scoring for submissions. At this time, there is no plan for accepting submission for presentation at Echo week. Anticipated collaboration with planning committees for COR-PM and TAS that will use the Abstract Review Committee to evaluate submissions.

FUTURE PROJECTS
- Develop tools to normalize scoring between reviewers.
- Develop a standard report to communicate submission scores effectively to planning committee leadership.

POSTED JUNE 2023

The committee's first meeting was held during the SCA Annual Meeting.

Anticipated collaboration with organizational committees for SCA affiliated meetings that will use the Abstract Review Committee to evaluate submissions.

FUTURE PROJECTS
- Provide education to reviewers for standardization of review process.
- Develop tools to normalize scoring between reviewers.
- Ascertain needs of individual meetings.