

NEWS FROM THE CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF GROUP PROJECT OR ACTIVITIES -JUNE 2025

Name of Project	Description	Status
Worked to achieve earlier review of financial disclosures for invited speakers and planning committee members for the SCA ECHO meeting, TAS and the SCA Annual meeting.	Speakers/faculty are not formally confirmed to participate in an ACCME accredited SCA meeting until they have completed their financial disclosures. Going forward we are going to screen all received financial disclosures within 4-5 weeks after speaker invitations have been sent out and disclosures have been returned.	Ongoing
Establish an Innovation Track	Work with the scientific program and thoracic anesthesia program committee to create a non-CME track in the 2026 Annual meeting in which faculty who have financial conflicts but are working on cutting edge treatments and technology can present this research.	New
Online Education Committee	Continue to work closely with the Online Education Committee to expand online offerings.	Ongoing

SUMMARY OF GROUP MEETINGS

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4/2024	Plan created for earlier review of meeting materials for SCA adherence to ACCME guidelines.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTS (IF ANY)

Action / Request for BOD Consideration

#1: Request time on the SCA's BOD meeting agenda (April 25th or April 29th) to discuss the recommendations made by a BOD workgroup who volunteered, at the behest of the SCA president, to review the current SCA CME Committee structure and make recommendations for potential changes. This action is to ensure continuous evaluation of educational growth and relevance of products and services being offered under the education umbrella. Currently the CME committee has oversight for all the ACCME programs. The working group will outline its recommendations for both the CME committee and the new Education Committee at the BOD meeting in Montreal.

SUMMARY OF GROUP PROJECT OR ACTIVITIES – POSTED DECEMBER 2024

Name of Project or Activity	Description	Project Status
Implementing earlier review of financial disclosures made by invited speakers and planning committee members for the SCA ECHO meeting and the SCA Annual meeting.	We no longer let potential faculty speakers or planning committee members accept invitations to participate in an ACCME accredited SCA meeting until they have completed their financial disclosures. Going forward we are going to screen all received financial disclosures within 4-5 weeks after speaker invitations have been sent out and disclosures have been returned.	Ongoing
Establish an Innovations Track	Work with the scientific program and thoracic anesthesia program committee to create a non-CME track in the 2026 Annual meeting in which faculty who have financial conflicts but are working on cutting edge treatments and technology can present this research.	New
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POSTED NOVEMBER 2023

Summary of Group Meeting 1: Date: 5/6/2023

- This was an on-site meeting at the SCA 2023 in Portland, OR. It was discussed that the POCUS meeting would no longer be a stand-alone meeting, but would be incorporated into the overall annual scientific programming. Dr. MaryBeth Brady is aware of this and will work with the POCUS faculty regarding programming.
- All the educational committee chairs gave a brief report of their progress.
- Online education anticipates opening up review sections for upcoming cardiac anesthesia boards (12/23) online and free for members.
- COR-PM chair (Karsten Bartels, MD) requested that programming for their meeting occur on two afternoons (Sat and Sunday) to try to improve attendance

Summary of Group Meeting 2: Date: November 2023

- Plan to have a Virtual CME Committee meeting to review progress, ideas and future plans.

DESCRIPTION & GOALS

COR-PM will be a separate meeting at Annual Meeting and will occur across two mornings and an afternoon (Sun through Monday)

COLLABORATION

- Annual Scientific Program Committee and TAS are planning the 2024 meeting in Toronto in conjunction with AATA.
- Online education continues to expand (Chair – Jennifer Hargrave)
- SCA ECHO Meeting will remain at Loews Atlanta for 2024 meeting.

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The committee last met in October 2022. Cross meeting collaborations have been developed with liaisons across meetings. Ongoing discussion with AATS and ASE about collaborations at national meetings. Multi-disciplinary SIM being developed for AATS. Cardiac board review is being developed and ready for online posting soon.

POSTED NOVEMBER 2022

Summary of Group Meeting 1: March 2, 2022

- Each meeting chair discussed status and plans for content and presentation. Ideas were shared for best practices and potential content overlaps were identified.

Summary of Group Meeting 2: May 15, 2022

- On site meeting at Annual meeting. Attendance was limited due to overlapping sessions. Overall annual meeting going well, concerns from TAS addressed during annual meeting and echo planning going well. POCUS group to develop recommendations for ongoing meeting structure.

DESCRIPTION & GOALS

Quarterly meetings instituted to share best practices and meeting plans. This was in response to concerns about excess overlap and advertising plans between meetings. Online education group working with meetings to optimize their content development.

COLLABORATION

Online education working with CME committee and meetings to enhance offerings.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Continue quarterly meetings to ensure all critical content is covered across our educational offerings. This will be particularly important as we work to assist our members with board certification.

POSTED JUNE 2022

Summary of Group Meeting 1:

- August 23, 2021
- Summary of Discussion: Committee members introduced status of their meeting and provided learning points on virtual meetings and best practices moving forward.

Summary of Group Meeting 2:

- November 11, March 2, scheduled May 15
- Summary of Discussion: Based on meetings 1 and 2, team decided quarterly meetings were an excellent method to share information on planned session, best practices and future decisions.

DESCRIPTION & GOALS

Standing quarterly meetings were not previously utilized. With the advent of online education, including CME, and more meetings, the team felt these sessions were key to ensuring content was shared effectively across without excess duplication or missed topics.

POSTED OCTOBER 2021

Informational Items

- There is currently a discussion about CME challenges with international webinars. This will be discussed at EC this week and may become a board action item.
- The Chairs of each meeting that offers CME have no requests for changes to current status. The On-line education committee is highly engaged in creating novel content for members.

Collaboration

Potential collaboration with international colleagues on a series of webinars, pending discussions of CME and cost sharing.

POSTED JUNE 2021

ACCME reaccreditation. SCA is accredited by ACCME to provide CME credit for our educational programming. This accreditation is reviewed periodically by ACCME and is important given the primary focus of much of the Society's work is education. Our accreditation status was reviewed last year, and we were approved to provide CME credit for another five years.

CME credit for Echo Corner section of Newsletter. This was approved by the board in October 2020. In addition, a new Pro/Con debate section will be added to the Newsletter.

Committee membership. Dr. Andrew Shaw will rotate off the committee effective April 2021, and Dr. Kathryn Glas will assume the Chair, as President-Elect of the Society. Dr Dalia Banks will join at the same time following her success in the recent Society elections.

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