

Scientific Program Planning Committee

Committee Charge

The mission of the SCA Scientific Program Planning Committee is to maintain the quality of the scientific content of the Annual Meeting & Workshops and ensure consistency, continuity, and balance in the programming to meet the needs of the Annual Meeting Attendees and SCA membership.

Goals of the SCA Scientific Program Planning Committee:

- To design the overall program for the Annual Meeting.
- Submit and review session proposals, and decide format and content for the annual meeting program.
- Develop fellowship track programming for trainees at the Annual Meeting
- Coordinate Scientific Abstract program to select scientific work to be presented at the Annual Meeting
- Develop Workshops and Problem-Based Learning Discussion sessions for attendee.
- To determine the basic schedule for the main conference events, working within the constraints of the facility and SCA's budget.
- Identify and select the moderators and speakers for the sessions, workshops and Problem-Based Learning Discussions.
- Coordination of industry support for educational programming, when appropriate.
- Participate in various roles (e.g., moderator) on-site at the Annual Meeting, review conference evaluations and offer suggestions for future programs accordingly.

2025-26 Benchmarks

(Action items for upcoming year)

1. Develop 2026 Annual meeting program content, based on committee member-generated sessions and working in collaboration with appropriate councils, committees, and interest groups.
2. Identify faculty for 2026 Annual Meeting.
3. Reconcile Annual Meeting planning with recommendations from the BOD, including budgetary directives. Areas of focus identified for 2026 include, but are limited to, engagement of critical care and private practice.
4. Quarterly Meetings with Scientific Program Committee to debrief 2025 meeting, review future program development, and expand input from the committee.
5. Develop processes for expanded member engagement in Annual Meeting content selection: Survey of Member Needs for Annual Meeting (PBLD submissions, general session proposals, networking events).
6. Increase coordination of content with the Online Education Committee.
7. Continue to expand meeting offerings by coordinating with internal and external entities to develop original content for SCA members, such as the Innovation Session and International Symposium.

2025-26 Committee Members

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