

Thoracic Anesthesia Symposium and Workshops (TAS) Program Planning Committee

Committee Charge

The mission of the SCA TAS Program Planning Committee is to maintain the quality of the scientific content of the Thoracic Anesthesia Symposium and Workshops and ensure consistency, continuity, and balance in the programming.

The goals of the SCA TAS Program Planning Committee are to design the overall program for the TAS, specifically:

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 general sessions, workshops, and PBLDs.

Review and select submitted abstracts for presentation.

Participate, as needed by staff, in conference events on-site, review conference evaluations, and offer suggestions for future conferences accordingly.

2025-26 Benchmarks

(Action items for upcoming year)

1. Develop a program for TAS 2026 that is responsive to participant (2025 meeting) feedback and that aims to a) present topics of interest to practitioners of thoracic anesthesia, including innovations in the field, and b) is presented by experts in the field
2. Expand TAS size and practitioner engagement via social media, e.g., DocMatter Thoracic Channel (DLT Exchange), Twitter, LinkedIn, etc
3. Within the constraints of the 2026 meeting venue and SCA budget, continue to update Workshop and PBLD offerings to best reflect clinical interests and needs of attendees and technologic and scientific developments in the field

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