

2025-2026 Scientific Program Committee Charge



Purpose

The Scientific Program Committee (SPC) is responsible for developing the most compelling, engaging scientific program for the SSO Annual Meeting that meets attendee needs and enhances their meeting experience.

Responsibilities

- Review the previous year's event evaluation, identify the gaps and develop a program that meet the needs of all attendees.
- Review all abstract submissions by disease-site and select the oral, ePoster, and video abstracts for the meeting program.
- Select all abstract award winners based on submissions and funded awards.
- Collaborate with Disease Site Work Groups, Quality Committee, DEI Advisory Board and other Committees as needed to develop the symposia, HUB sessions, and pre-meeting sessions for the meeting.

Composition/Appointments

- Chair: 1 year
- Vice-Chair: 1 year
- 8 DSWG Vice Chairs: 2 years
- Immediate Past Chair: 1 year
- Incoming Vice Chair: 1 year
- CME Committee Chair: 2 years
- Board Liaison: President, 1 year
- 4 Members representing:
 - 1 Community Practice Surgeon
 - 1 Advanced Practice Provider
 - 1 International Surgeon
 - 1 Early Career (no more than 3 years out of Fellowship)

New members are chosen during the Application for Engagement. The Incoming Vice Chair is appointed by the SSO leader who will be President at the same Annual Meeting the person will Chair.

Eligibility	Time Commitment	Staff Liaison
• Current voting SSO member with dues paid for 2025. • Complete Application for Engagement. • Commit to allocating time to effectively participate.	• Multiple virtual meetings per year (approximately monthly). • Several hours for abstract review. • Additional hours per month to complete committee responsibilities. • Attend Annual Meetings you plan.	Meagan Gilliland-Johnson Mgillilandjohnson@surgonc.org