

2025-2026 Surgical Oncologists for Sustainability Task Force Charge



Purpose

The Surgical Oncologists for Sustainability (SoS) Task Force is tasked with inspiring, educating, and equipping surgical oncologists to advance environmental sustainability in their work and daily lives.

Responsibilities

- Advocate for and provide education to SSO members on health care sustainability, how carbon emissions affect patients and patient care, and promote sustainable practices.
- Reduce the carbon footprint of SSO and surgical oncology.

Composition/Appointments

- Chair: 2 years
- Vice Chair: 2 years
- Up to 15 members: 3 years
- Board Liaison: 1 year

This Task Force was appointed for an initial period of 3 years, when it will be formalized into a full committee or sunset. Member seats ending after the first 3 years will be filled through the Application for Engagement. New members will be appointed by the President-Elect during the Application for Engagement, taking a wide range of factors into account: diversity of gender, race, geographical location, program size, and skillset, among others. New Co-Chairs are selected from among current members or those whose 2-year term is ending.

Eligibility	Time Commitment	Staff Liaison
• Current voting SSO members with dues paid for 2025 and medical students/residents with an interest in surgical oncology and sustainability. • Commit to allocating time to effectively participate.	• Multiple virtual meetings per year. • Additional hours per month to complete committee responsibilities. • Attend the Joint Committee Conference held at the SSO annual meeting.	Pam Hayden: pamhayden@surgonc.org