



EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

50TH ANNIVERSARY

HONORING THE PAST.
SHAPING THE FUTURE.

OCTOBER 18-20, 2026

EMBASSY SUITES, MYRTLE BEACH

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Shaping the Future.*

50th

Join us October 18–20, 2026, at the Embassy Suites in Myrtle Beach for the premier event dedicated to the evolving world of workers' compensation—the 2026 Workers' Compensation Educational Conference & Workers' Comp Academy.

As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Educational Conference, this year's theme, "*Honoring the Past. Shaping the Future.*" reflects both the rich history of our industry and the exciting innovations transforming it. Attendees will gain valuable insights into emerging trends, evolving regulations, advancements in medical and rehabilitation practices, claims management strategies, legal developments, and the technologies redefining the future of workers' compensation.

Through engaging educational sessions, expert-led discussions, and meaningful networking opportunities, professionals from across the industry—including claims adjusters, attorneys, employers, medical providers, nurse case managers, risk managers, and HR professionals—will leave better equipped to navigate today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities.

Celebrate the legacy. Connect with industry leaders. Prepare for what's next.

Don't miss this milestone event for workers' compensation professionals committed to learning, collaboration, and the future of the industry.

Conference Details

50th Celebration Dinner!



This year, in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Conference, we will host a special reception and dinner on Monday evening. The event will include a brief program honoring the rich history of both the Conference and the Association, while celebrating the individuals and milestones that have shaped the organization over the past 50 years.

If you have a disability or dietary restriction, please call or email ahead to let us know how we may accommodate your needs.

Hotel

A block of reduced-rate rooms for conference attendees are available on a first come, first-reserved basis at the beautiful Embassy Suites at Kingston Resort.

Embassy Suites at Kingston Resorts
9800 Queensway Blvd
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, 29572

Group Rate: \$208.00 per night plus tax

Check-In Time: 4:00 pm Check-Out Time: 11:00 am

Cutoff: September 17, 2026 or while rooms last!

An additional \$20.00 will be added to the above suite rates per adult, per suite above double occupancy. Rates include a complimentary buffet breakfast and complimentary evening reception (5:30-7:30 p.m. daily) per person, per day, based on single/double occupancy, unless children under 18 are accompanied by adult.

A paid conference registration is required to secure a room at the hotel.

AFTER registering, you will receive a link to make your reservation. Hotel rooms will be matched with each registrations. If you have not registered, you will be dropped from the room block.

Hotel accommodations at these rates are exclusively for registered SCWCEA Annual Meeting attendee.

Companion/Guest Fees

These fees are established solely for a spouse or guest who accompanies the primary member registrant and will not be honored for co-workers or industry associates. The fee includes Sunday night Kids' Chance Silent Auction reception, breaks, Monday 50th Celebration Reception & Dinner, and reception and dance. CEUs and/or CLEs are not awarded to spouses or guests.

Official Attendee Roster

The SCWCEA must receive your registration with full payment by **October 2, 2026** to be listed in the official pre-registration roster that will be available during the conference.

Two Easy Ways to Register

Online: Visit www.scwcea.org/annual-educational-conference to register at your convenience 24/7

Mail: Complete the attendee registration form and send the completed form and your payment by mail to:
SCWCEA | PO Box 1496 | Columbia, SC 29202

Exhibitor Registration

Visit our website to download the Exhibitor Agreement and to view our interactive floor plan in helping you determine your prime location during this conference. Exhibitors can also register 24/7 online at www.scwcea.org/aec-exhibitors

Registration Policies

- Full payment is due at the time you register. Forms received without payment will not be processed.
- SCWCEA does not offer partial or daily registrations.
- Early registration ends **September 17, 2026**.
- Registrations received by mail after **October 2, 2026** will be processed onsite and may result in a delay in receiving conference credentials.
- Individuals submitting registration payment as a current SCWCEA member and are not, will automatically be processed at the appropriate non-member rate.

Continuing Education Credits

Applications for CEUs and CLEs have been submitted with the following licensing agencies: CCMC, CDMS, CRCC, NC Department of Insurance, SC Supreme Court, NC State Bar, State Bar of GA. Please check the website for updates on hours awarded.

Monday Optional Activities - September 17 Deadline

Ronald J. Jebailey Fishing Rodeo - 12 slots available.

leaves from lobby at noon

This is a half-day fishing adventure with limited spots available! Your registration includes all fishing gear, bait, lunch, beverages, & plenty of laughs with a great group. Don't miss this fun & memorable outing!

Bourbon Tasting with Commissioner Beck - Limited seating.

Join Commissioner Scott Beck for an exclusive bourbon tasting experience featuring a curated selection of rare and limited-edition bourbons. This unique event promises top-shelf flavor and great conversation!

Refund and Substitution Policy

Written requests for refunds of prepaid registrations will be honored less a \$75 administrative fee, if received by **September 17, 2026**. Substitutions will be permitted per original registrant. The individual submitting the request is responsible for all financial obligations (any balance due) associated with the substitution to include member vs. non-member fees. Refund requests should be sent to alexa@scwcea.org. We will confirm receipt of your notification.

Preliminary Program

Sunday, October 18, 2026

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration Open
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Exhibitor Setup
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Exhibitor Reception & Brunch in Exhibit Hall
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Opening Remarks and Welcome (LS Award) Stephanie Pugh, MGC, President, SCWCEA
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Inspiration Award Commissioner Scott Beck
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	50 Years of Case Law Grady Beard, Robinson Gray Ric Davis, Davis Law Group, LLC
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Networking Break
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Back Pain Treatment: From Historical Approaches to Modern Management Dr. Daniel Atkinson, Bon Secours
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Networking Break
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Medicare Updates: What You Need to Know Now Moderator :Sarah Hood Willson Jones Daniel Hayes, Hayes Firm, PLLC Mark Long, Ametros Madison Hammel, Ringler
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Kids' Chance Silent Auction Reception

Monday, October 19, 2026

8:00 am	Complimentary Embassy Suites Breakfast
8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Registration Open
8:30 am – 3:30 pm	Workers' Comp Academy
8:30 am – 1:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
8:30 am – 9:30 am	The Evolution of Psychology: Past, Present, and Future Dr. Nicholas Lind, Lind Psychological
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Networking Break
9:45 am – 1:00 pm	Professional Tracks

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ADJUSTERS

ATTORNEYS

NURSE CASE MANAGERS

EMPLOYERS, SAFETY, HUMAN RESOURCE PROFESSIONALS

BREAKOUT #1 9:45am - 10:45am	Best Practices in Claims Handling: Strategies for Success Moderator – Larissa Benson, State Accident Fund Joe Wideman, Atkins Law Firm Jill King, Trask & Howell	Facilitating Mental Health in the Workplace Leslie Whitten, Chartwell	Q&A With the Commissioners from the SC Workers' Compensation Commission	Bermuda Triangle WC ADA, FMLA Ben Calhoun, Turner Padgett Michael Henthorne, Ogletree Deakins
10:45am - 11:00pm	Networking Break	Networking Break	Networking Break	Networking Break
BREAKOUT #2 11:00am-12:00pm	Q&A With the Commissioners from the SC Workers' Compensation Commission <i>Combined session with Employers, Safety, HR Professionals</i>	Bermuda Triangle WC ADA, FMLA Ben Calhoun, Turner Padgett Michael Henthorne, Ogletree Deakins	Legal Considerations for Nurse Case Managers: Roles, Risks, & Responsibilities Kayce McCroskey, RN, BSN, CCM, Southern Rehab Matt Schofield Holder Padgett	Q&A With the Commissioners from the SC Workers' Compensation Commission <i>Combined session with Adjusters</i>
BREAKOUT #3 12:00pm-1:00pm	Compassionate Claims Handling: Balancing Care and Compliance Patricia Kline, HMR Veterans Services Jennifer Taylor, Strategic Comp	Q&A With the Commissioners from the SC Workers' Compensation Commission <i>Attorneys practicing less than 12 years will meet with Commissioners from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm</i> <i>Attorneys practicing more than 12 years will meet with Commissioners from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm</i>	Obstacles to Effective Case Management D'Anne Hannah, Wright Rehab	Compassionate Claims Handling: Balancing Care & Compliance Patricia Kline, HMR Veterans Services Jennifer Taylor, Strategic Comp

2:00 pm

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6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

50th Anniversary Reception

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

50th Anniversary Celebration & Dinner

Join us for an unforgettable evening as we celebrate 50 years of excellence in workers' compensation. **"Honoring the Past. Shaping the Future."** will feature dinner, dancing, live music, and a chance to reconnect with colleagues while looking ahead to the future of our industry. Don't miss this special anniversary celebration!

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Complimentary Embassy Suites Breakfast

8:00 am – 11:30 am

Exhibit Hall Open

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Who's Listening: Impact of Ai and Recordings in Workers' Comp

Keith Roberts, SC Workers' Comp Commission

Amity Edmonds, Gallivan White &

9:30 am – 10:00am

Networking Break

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Look-Alikes

Andrea Roche, Roche & Williams

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Commission Update from the SC Workers' Compensation Commission

Commissioner Scott Beck & Shawnee Radcliff

Commissioner Gene McCaskill & Patty Lundy

Commissioner Mike Campbell & Mackenzie Stites

Commissioner Gabe Coggiola & Melanie Roark

Commissioner Cindy Dooley & April Cardwell

Commissioner Melody James & Tamara Morris

Commissioner Aisha Taylor & Renee Smith

Executive Director Kristen Mcree & Arnisha Keitt

12:00 pm

Closing Remarks

Stephanie Pugh, MGC, President, SCWCEA

12:05 pm

Annual Business Meeting

Election of 2027 Board of Director



Registration Form

Print legibly, type or attach business card. One form per person, please.

☐ Mr. ☐ Ms. FULL NAME (as you wish it to appear on name badge) _____

ORGANIZATION _____

FULL MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Please provide email address to receive electronic updates

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON AND PHONE NUMBER (OPTIONAL) _____

Registration fees not paid in full or received by 9/17/26 will incur an increase of \$50.00.

SEE BELOW FOR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS!

FULL CONFERENCE ONLY

Registration fees not paid in full or received by 9/17/26 increased by \$50.00.

☐ SCWCEA Member \$525 ☐ Non-Member \$675
☐ Companion/Guest \$285 Companion/Guest Full Name (for name badge) _____

☐ I will be attending the 50th Celebration Reception and Dinner on Monday Night.

WORKERS' COMP ACADEMY

Workers' Comp Academy attendees will not attend the conference breakout sessions Monday afternoon.

SPACE IS LIMITED AND ONSITE REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.

	Workers' Comp Academy ONLY 9/17/2026	Full Conference including Workers' Comp Academy 9/17/2026
SCWCEA Member	☐ \$350	☐ \$575
NON-Member	☐ \$400	☐ \$725
New Attorney/Paralegal*	☐ \$275	☐ \$500

*In practice one year or less

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (additional fee required)

☐ Ronald J. Jebaily Fishing Rodeo 12 slots available. Includes gear, bait, lunch & beverages \$175.00 = _____

☐ Bourbon Tasting with Commissioner Beck - Limited seating. 25 slots available. Includes snacks & beverages \$125.00 = _____

Payment Total _____

Registration for all optional activities closes September 17, 2026 or when maximum capacity is reached. The SCWCEA reserves the right to cancel any optional events should we not meet minimum participation requirements and individuals will be refunded in full if a cancellation occurs.

Disclaimer. The registrant listed above hereby acknowledges that the listed recreational activities and sports may be dangerous and cause injuries. Registrants choose to participate, or not, of his/her own free will and risk and hereby agrees to accept full and complete liability and to hold harmless SCWCEA, its Board of Directors, staff, agents and contractors from any and all liability resulting from and arising out of such activities including transportation to and from the same. Specifically, registrants hereby waive any and all right of action against the SCWCEA associated in any way.

Payment Method

☐ CHECK ENCLOSED (made payable to SCWCEA) ☐ VISA ☐ MC (the SCWCEA does not process Discover or American Express)

CARD #: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD: _____

FULL BILLING ADDRESS: _____
Where monthly statements are received (street, city, state & zip code)

EMAIL ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC RECEIPT _____

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