



75th Annual SAWCA Convention Diamond Celebration OMNI Resort Amelia Island Plantation July 31 - August 4, 2023

Monday July 31, 2023

Registration

Noon - 5:00 PM

Dinner On Your Own

Tuesday August 1, 2023

Registration

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Exhibit Setup

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Leadership Forums

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

SAWCA opens its Diamond Celebration with our “Leadership Forums” focused on Medical and Legal issues that are impacting our workers’ compensation systems. Join us for roundtable discussions and presentations led by state officials and industry professionals.

- A. Medical Forum - Hosted by the Medical Committee / **Sponsored By: American Medical Association**
- B. Legal Forum- Hosted by the Adjudication Committee / **Sponsored By: Enlyte**

Regulators Roundtable

3:15 PM – 5:00 PM

One of our traditional sessions...The Regulators Roundtable featuring the collective expertise of our jurisdictional leaders...will complete our opening day of educational opportunities. Moderated by Tom Glasson (AIG) and Mark Walls (Safety National), this session focuses on those issues deemed most important by regulators and industry alike. Be sure to join us when Industry Asks...&...Regulators Respond.

Sponsored By: Optum

President’s Reception

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

SAWCA President, Sheral Kellar, Louisiana Workers’ Compensation Judge - Chief, invites you to join her at the President’s Reception...an evening of rekindled friendships, wonderful food & beverages, amid the beauty of the OMNI Resort on Amelia Island.

Sponsored By: AKERA Claims, WCI, ODG by MCG Health, Meridian Wealth Mgmt., & WorkCompCollege.com

[Wednesday August 2, 2023](#)

Breakfast With the Exhibitors 7:30 AM – 8:45 AM

Sponsored By: TriStar

Exhibits Open 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Registration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Welcome 8:30 AM - 8:45 AM

SAWCA President, Sheral Kellar, Louisiana Workers' Compensation Judge – Chief

Announcements & Welcome

Brittany O'Neil - Florida Welcome

General Session 1: 8:45 AM – 9:40 AM

Carrier Roundtable:

Moderated by Tom Glasson (AIG)...This panel ...first of three roundtable discussions focused on the workers' compensation industry, will focus on issues specific to the carriers who provide coverage for most of our employers across the nation.

Break With the Exhibitors

9:40 AM - 10:00 AM

Sponsored By: Concentra

General Session 2: 10:00 AM – 10:55 AM

Employer Roundtable:

Moderated by Mark Walls (Safety National) ... This panel continues our industry focus sharing issues and concerns specific to employers.

Break With the Exhibitors

10:55 AM – 11:15 AM

Sponsored By: Concentra

General Session 3: 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

Service Provider Roundtable:

Moderated by Robert Doucette (New Mexico) ... This panel completes our industry focus sharing issues and concerns specific to the various companies who serve the industry.

The 3-Session Industry Symposium Is Sponsored By: Safety National

SAWCA's "Keynote Lunch" 12:20 PM – 1:30 PM

Join us for a wonderful lunch with a very special guest.

Afterwards take advantage of the exhibit hall that will remain open till 2pm.

Keynote Lunch Sponsored By: Trean

The remainder of Wednesday is available for you to meet with regulators and industry professionals... continuing the discussions from the multiple sessions earlier today and gaining a deeper understanding of the various issues impacting workers' compensation systems across the nation. And be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to visit with our Exhibitors ...Expo open till 3pm.

(Wednesday Evening ...Dinner on Your Own)

Thursday August 3, 2023

Breakfast With the Exhibitors 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
Exhibits 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Registration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Welcome & Conference Update / Preview 8:45 AM – 9:00 AM
SAWCA President, Sheral Kellar, Louisiana Workers' Compensation Judge - Chief

General Session 4: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

SAWCA Presents “Comp Talks 2023”

2023 Theme: “Principles To Work By”

Join us for SAWCA’s version of “TED Talks” as we focus on leadership principles and how we integrate them into our daily work. Don’t miss this chance to be crowned 2023 SAWCA Comp Talk Champion.

Registration/Application For “Comp Talks 2023” Available Soon.

Moderated/Developed By: Jackie Jackson (CO) & Ellen Heiber (Verisk)

Break With the Exhibitors

10:30 AM – 10:50 AM

Sponsored By: Concentra

General Session 5/ Keynote Address

10:50 AM – 12:15 PM

Mental / Mental – PTSD

Moderator: Brittany O’Neil (FL)

Dr. Gordon Horn joins us to define PTSD providing a 30,000 foot overview and setting the stage for our roundtable discussion by jurisdictional leaders...Mark Formby (MS); Brittany O’Neil (FL); Ken Switzer, (TN); and Doug Gott, KY

Convention Lunch All Attendees & Guests Invited 12:20 PM – 1:30 PM

Sponsored By: Prodigy Care Services

Join us for a wonderful lunch and the opportunity for great discussions with your fellow attendees.

Afterwards take advantage of the exhibit hall that will remain open till 3pm.

The remainder of Thursday is open for you to meet with regulators and industry professionals continuing the discussions from the morning sessions earlier today ...and/or address job-related issues back home.

Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to visit with our Exhibitors ...Expo open till 3pm.

SAWCA’s Diamond Celebration

7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Attendees, guests, and families are invited to join us for SAWCA’s reception and dinner.

Enjoy great food and live music as we celebrate our 75th Annual Convention.

Music By: Latitude ***Sponsored By: Verisk***

Friday August 4, 2023

"Farewell Grits" Breakfast

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Sponsored By: Sedgwick

Exhibits Open

7:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Conference Update

8:50AM – 9:00 AM

SAWCA President, Sheral Kellar, Louisiana Workers' Compensation Judge - Chief

General Session 6:

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Federal Update – Tim Tucker – NCCI

Join us for our annual update on newly enacted and potential legislative changes that impact our workers' compensation systems. And remember... "There is nothing wrong with change...if it is in the right direction" (Winston Churchill). So, enjoy the grits and check out the "direction".

General Session 7: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Things that Make Bob Go "Hmmm"



Moderator: Bob Wilson welcomes a distinguished panel of industry and regulatory experts to join him for a lively discussion of those issues and topics that make Bob go "hmmm". Bob asks all of the questions...and who knows who will find themselves on "Bob's Panel" providing the answers...so join us for a free-flowing discussion when corporate humorist Bob Wilson holds court.

Sheral Kellar, SAWCA President - Recognition of SAWCA Officers for 2022-2023

Closing Announcements

Convention Adjourns till November 13, 2023 – Hyatt Regency Hill Country, San Antonio, TX