



77th Annual SAWCA Convention Sunseeker Resort Port Charlotte, FL July 21-25, 2025 *Proudly Sponsored By: Verisk*

Monday July 21, 2025

Registration **Noon - 5:00 PM** **Royal Tern Foyer**

Tuesday July 22, 2025

Registration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Royal Tern Foyer**

Exhibit Setup 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Royal Tern Foyer**

Board of Directors Meeting **9:30 AM - 11:30 AM** **Blueback**

(Officers, Directors, & Committee Members are requested to attend)

Leadership Forums **1:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

SAWCA opens its 77th Annual Convention 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.

Medical Forum **Silver Perch**

The Medical Committee is pleased to host the Medical Leadership Forum.

Sponsored By: American Medical Association

Legal Forum **Palometa**

The Adjudication Committee is pleased to host the Legal Leadership Forum.

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Regulators Roundtable **3:15 PM – 5:00 PM** **Royal Tern Jr. Ballroom**

Mark Walls, Safety National; Max Koonce, Sedgwick; and Tom Glasson, AIG host the 2025 Regulators Roundtable with a focus on benefits and concerns of Artificial Intelligence.

Invited Participants include Agency Leaders from Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, US Virgin Islands, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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President's Reception **7:00 PM - 8:30 PM** **Half Cracked Tiki**
SAWCA President, Robert Rapaport, Commissioner of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission,
invites you to join him at the President's Reception for an evening of rekindled friendships, wonderful food & beverages, amid the beauty of the Sunseeker Resort.

Co-Sponsored By: **AKERA Claims Solutions, Workers' Compensation Institute, M. Joseph Medical, Ametros ODG by MCG, WorkCompCollege.com, & Meridian Wealth Management**

Wednesday July 23, 2025

Breakfast With the Exhibitors **7:30 AM – 8:45 AM** **Royal Tern Foyer**
Sponsored By: TriStar

Exhibits Open **7:30 AM - 2:30 PM** **Royal Tern Foyer**
Registration **8:00 AM - 5:00 PM** **Royal Tern Foyer**
Welcome **8:30 AM - 8:45 AM** **Royal Tern Jr. Ballroom**
SAWCA President, Robert Rapaport, Commissioner of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission
Florida Welcome: Brittany O'Neil, Assistant Director, Florida Division of Workers' Compensation

General Session 1: **8:45 AM – 10:30 AM** **Royal Tern Jr. Ballroom**
SAWCA Presents "Comp Talks 2025" "If I Was In Charge"
Comp Talks 2025 will focus on emerging leader participation – both industry and regulatory.

Our "contestants" will inspire as they share their messages and compete for the chance to be crowned the 2025 SAWCA Comp Talk Champion. Winners determined by audience vote.

Moderated By: Jackie Jackson (CO) & Ellen Heiber (Verisk)
Sponsored By: WorkCompCollege.com

Break With the Exhibitors **10:30 AM – 10:50 AM** **Royal Tern Foyer**
Sponsored By: Concentra

General Session 2 **10:50 AM – 12:15 PM** **Royal Tern Jr. Ballroom**
Presenter: Stephen Cooper - Executive Director and Senior Economist, NCCI
"Economy of Workers' Compensation"

SAWCA's "Networking Lunch" **12:20 PM – 1:30 PM** **Half Cracked Tiki**
Sponsored By: To Be Announced

"Conversations with Regulators" **1:30 PM – 2:30 PM** **Royal Tern Foyer**
The Exhibit Hall remains open on Wednesday afternoon for meetings with regulators and industry professionals allowing attendees to continue the discussions from earlier today as well as addressing specific questions relative to individual jurisdictions thereby gaining a deeper understanding of the issues impacting workers' compensation systems across the nation. Whether last minute get togethers...or scheduled appointments, take time to build trusting relationships.



Wednesday Evening Dinner on Your Own

Enjoy the wonderful dining options available at the Sunseeker Resort

Thursday July 24, 2025

Breakfast With the Exhibitors <i>Sponsored By: MyMatrixx By Evernorth</i>	7:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Royal Tern Foyer
Exhibits Open	7:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Royal Tern Foyer
Registration	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Royal Tern Foyer
Welcome & Conference Update / ACC Preview	8:45 AM – 9:00 AM	Royal Tern Jr. Ballroom

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The 2025 Industry Symposium Sponsored By: Safety National

General Session 3: 8:45 AM – 9:40 AM Royal Tern Jr. Ballroom
"Industry Response to Regulators Roundtable – Artificial Intelligence Benefits & Concerns"

Moderated by Max Koonce with program assistance by Mark Walls and Tom Glasson. This panel ...first of three roundtable discussions focused on the workers' compensation industry, will respond to issues and comments from the Regulators Roundtable on Tuesday afternoon specific to Artificial Intelligence, its benefits and concerns. Panelists to include industry professionals from multiple stakeholders.

Break With the Exhibitors 9:40 AM - 10:00 AM Royal Tern Foyer
Sponsored By: Concentra, Inc.

General Session 4: 10:00 AM – 10:55 AM Royal Tern Jr. Ballroom
"Employer Workplace Violence"

Moderated by Mark Walls (Safety National)
 Mark Walls welcomes a distinguished panel of employers as we continue our industry focus sharing their issues and concerns specific to workplace violence.
 Panelists to include: Industry healthcare, Employers, & Regulatory Officials

Break With the Exhibitors 10:55 AM – 11:15 AM Royal Tern Foyer
Sponsored By: Concentra

General Session 5: **11:15 AM – 12:15 PM** **Royal Tern Jr. Ballroom**
“PTSD & Mental Health”

Moderated By: Robert Rapaport (Virginia WCC)

Panelists Include both industry and regulatory officials.

Commissioner Robert Rapaport leads a panel in a discussion of PTSD & Mental Health issues including trends, impact of fee schedules, rising cost, compensability, regulatory guidance and more.

Convention Lunch **12:20 PM – 1:30 PM** **Half Cracked Tiki**

Sponsored By: Prodigy Care Services

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

And be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to visit with our Exhibitors till 2:30pm.

“Peer to Peer Discussions” **1:30 PM – 2:30 PM** **Royal Tern Foyer**

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SAWCA’s Sunset Reception & Dinner **7:00 PM – 11:00 PM**

Attendees, guests, and families are invited to SAWCA’s Diamond Celebration Reception and Dinner. Enjoy great food and live music as we celebrate our 77th Annual Convention.

Music By: “Latitude”
Tom and Michelle Becker

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Royal Tern Terrace & Ballroom



Friday July 25, 2025

“Farewell Friday Grits” Breakfast

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Royal Tern Jr. Ballroom

Sponsored By: Sedgwick

Registration

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Royal Tern Foyer

Exhibits Open

7:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Royal Tern Foyer

Conference Update

8:50AM – 9:00 AM

Royal Tern Jr. Ballroom

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General Session 6:

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Royal Tern Jr. Ballroom

Bob Wilson welcomes a distinguished panel of regulatory and industry experts for a lively discussion of those issues and topics that make Bob go “hmmm”.

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Recognition of SAWCA Officers for 2025-2026 / Closing Announcements & Remarks

SAWCA adjourns & reconvenes Nov. 10-14, for the 2025 ACC / The Broadmoor / Colorado

