



2026 SAWCA

All Committee Conference

The Greenbrier

White Sulphur Springs, WV

Nov 16-20, 2026

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Registration	12:00pm - 5:00pm
Board of Directors Meeting	2:00pm - 5:00pm
Board of Directors Reception & Dinner	7:00pm – 9:00pm

(This reception/dinner is an invitation only event for SAWCA officers, committee leadership, and sponsors.)

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

Breakfast At the ACC	7:30am - 9:00am
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Registration	8:00am - 5:00pm
Welcome & Opening Remarks	8:30am – 8:45am

SAWCA President: Jordan Russell, Chairman, Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission
West Virginia Welcome: Rob Grishaber, West Virginia Assistant Insurance Commissioner

General Session 1

8:45am - 9:35am

"SAWCA's Regulator Roundtable" – Moderated by: Paul Tauriello, Director, Colorado Division of WC
We kick off the 2026 ACC with state regulators sharing the issues and situations that keep them up at night.
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General Session 2

9:35am - 10:15am

"Federal & State Legislative Update"
Presented By: Tim Tucker, Washington Affairs Executive, External and Government Affairs, NCCI

Morning Refreshment Break

10:15am – 10:30am

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General Session 3

10:30am – 11:20am

"Does utilization review improve medical outcomes and promote evidence-based care, or has it evolved into a process that delays treatment and shifts costs without improving worker outcomes?"

"Effective use of mediation in resolving disputed claims."

Moderator: Ken Switzer, Tennessee, Chief Judge

Hosted by SAWCA's Adjudication Committee

General Session 4

11:20am – 12:15pm

“Security For the Self-Insured”

Guest Speaker: Mitch Klauser – Credit Risk Underwriting Manager, Safety National

An explanation of the approach used to calculate sufficient security to cover all claims in the event of a voluntary market bankruptcy and its application to self-insured employers regulated by workers’ compensation agencies.

Hosted by SAWCA’s Self-Insurance Committee

Convention Lunch

12:20pm - 1:20pm

General Session 5

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Moderator: Medical Committee Chair Rosalie Faris, President & COO, OMCA

Hosted By: SAWCA’s Medical Committee

President’s Reception

6:30pm-8:00pm

Sponsored By: Safety National, AKERA Claims Solutions, AMETROS, ODG by MCG Health, SOMPO, Enlyte, Prodigy RX, M. Joseph Medical, WorkCompCollege, & WCI

Thursday, November 19, 2026

Breakfast At the ACC

7:30am-9:00am

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Registration

8:00am - 5:00pm

Welcome & Morning Update

8:30am – 8:45am

SAWCA President: Jordan Russell, Chairman, Oklahoma Workers’ Compensation Commission

General Session 6

8:45am - 10:15am

“What Keeps the Industry Up at Night”

Moderator: Jordan Russell (OK)

Jordan Russell moderates a panel of industry professionals focused on those issues that demand their attention as they consider the ramifications for the future. Invited panelists are: Greg Gilbert, Concentra; Max Koonce, Sedgwick; Sharon Delguercio, Publix; Kevin Tribout, Optum; and Tracy Crawford, Alliance Coal;

Morning Refreshment Break

10:15am -10:30am

Sponsored By: Concentra



General Session 7

10:30am – Noon

“Fraud & Abuse – Part 1”

Hosted By: SAWCA’s Systems & Data Analytics Committee & Administration & Procedures Committee
The Combined Committee Leadership shares presentations on (1) how WC Fraud can be identified through the utilization of data analytics followed by a discussion on opportunities to address fraud with existing statutes/regulations/policies & rules...and (2) practical advice for those states considering changes to their statutory environment.

Convention Lunch

Noon – 1:10pm

Sponsored By: Optum

General Session 8

1:15pm – 2:15pm

“Fraud & Abuse – Part 2”

Hosted by the Claims Administration Committee – Tom Glasson, AIG; Pauline Williams, FAIR Health; Scott Wilhoit, KY; and Carey Armistead, Sompo International
The Claims Committee continues the discussion/focus on workers’ compensation fraud detailing the impact on business and cost of workers’ compensation.

**Enjoy Dinner on Your Own at The Greenbrier
Then Join Us in the Lobby Bar for a SAWCA Tradition**



Coffee Cordials & Confections 8:00pm-9:30pm
Sponsored By: Meridian Wealth Management

Friday, November 20, 2026

Friday SAWCA “Grits” Breakfast

8:00am -9:00am

Sponsored By: Sedgwick

Welcome and Conference Update

8:50am - 9:00am

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General Session 9

9:00am – 10:00am

“What Makes Bob Go Hmmm”

Bob Wilson, President, WorkCompCollege.com

Bob Wilson welcomes a distinguished panel of regulatory and industry professionals for an educational and entertaining discussion focused on “all things workers’ comp”

Announcements & Final Remarks

10:00am

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