

Committee on Sessions

2025-26 Annual Report

Members

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Mission

Committee on Sessions is responsible for identifying opportunities for member engagement at the upcoming Annual Session, including education opportunities and select supplemental member activities. The committee also vets the meeting theme. The committee maintains the importance of governance and policy associated with the Annual Session.

Committee business

- The committee selected the 2026 Annual Session theme, "Currents of Growth," to commemorate the meeting location, Minneapolis, MN and recognize advancements of the association and individuals at the event.
- The committee vetted keynote speakers for Annual Session and selected ASDA alumnus Dr. Justina Anigbo to deliver the 2026 address.
- In collaboration with Payal Patel, ASDA President, the committee selected the theme for the 2026 Gala, "Eras of ASDA: Bridging Tomorrow."
- The committee identified opportunities to promote member wellness throughout the event including attendee giveaways, a reflection activity and trivia questions.
- The committee discussed adopted resolutions 307-2025: National Conferences Holding Presidential Leadership Training, and RC308-2025: Capping Conference Registration Fees for Two Years, along with historical data. They discussed programmatic implications of these resolutions for Annual Session and submitted a proposal to the Board of Trustees to eliminate other chapter training sessions at Annual Session and combine the Gold Crown Awards with the Gala to create one evening program.