

2026 SOA ImpACT Conference Call for Proposals (CFP) Guide

October 25-28, 2026 | Pittsburgh, PA
David L. Lawrence Convention Center
CFP Open from April 6 – May 11, 2026

About the SOA ImpACT Conference

ImpACT is the premier gathering of industry experts, employers, actuarial professionals, and thought-leaders—the largest of its kind! Over four dynamic days of learning and networking, attendees gain actionable insights and innovative ideas to fuel both personal and professional growth throughout the year.

Important note: this call for proposals period is **only for the in-person ImpACT Conference**. If you are interested in submitting a session for a virtual event, please contact PD@soa.org for more information.

Call for Proposals

The SOA invites content proposals designed to enhance the learning experience and elevate the actuarial profession. We welcome submissions that:

- Tackle essential, timely topics relevant to today's actuaries
- Offer strong business cases supported by research or data
- Showcase forward-thinking approaches and trends in the field
- Feature engaging, creative program formats
- Present innovative solutions/ ideas
- Share real-world case studies that highlight practical applications

Attendees are seeking in-depth material that builds on the basics, offering deeper insights into essential concepts they can integrate into their daily work.

Audience Profile

ImpACT is the premier gathering of industry experts, employers, actuarial professionals, and thought-leaders. The event caters to a diverse audience, including actuaries from the following practice areas:

- Life
- Retirement or Pension
- Investment & Risk Management
- Health
- General Insurance

Proposals should clearly specify the seniority level and prior experience the intended audience should have in the content area to ensure the session delivers maximum impact.

Proposal Review Criteria

- The ImpACT Planning Committee along with subject matter experts from SOA Communities will review each proposal.
- Each proposal will be evaluated based on the proposal review rubric. The detailed rubric is linked at the top of the submission form.

Important Submission Guidelines and Speaker Expectations

- All proposals must be submitted via the submission link by 11:59 PM CT on May 11th.
- Presenters should represent diversity of thought, including a breadth of perspectives, as well as a variety of companies (minimum two).
- Accepted speakers are expected to register for the conference at the discounted speaker rate.

Content Tracks

As you create your proposal, please carefully consider the content tracks, which are focus areas for the conference program. You may select up to two tracks per proposal. The “other” track should only be selected if the proposal does not fit into one of the main tracks and you will need to provide an explanation of why it falls under “other”.

Session Formats

Session formats support a range of instructional methods that give attendees more control over setting priorities and choosing the right content, materials, and methods that match their learning styles and objectives. The proposal submission form will ask you to check the session format that best fits your session design and delivery. Check out the format descriptions document that is linked on the submission form.

The interactive workshops are an option for session length. These workshops will be scheduled for 2-hours, and the expectation is that all workshops are highly engaging providing the audience with ample hands-on experience. The 2-hour workshops **SHOULD NOT** be viewed as an extended lecture or panel.

New this year – there will be a limited number of 30-minute session spots available. If you are interested in this option, select the 60-minute option, and a separate question will populate asking if you are open to hosting a 30-minute session.

The ImpACT Planning Committee also encourages submissions that can be viewed as a series of two sessions. Think of these sessions as two 60-minute sessions that follow a part one and part two structure. The series must reflect a theme or a unified set of topics. If you are interested in a two-part series submission, please submit two proposals and clearly list part one and part two in the titles. The session length for each proposal should be listed as 60-minutes.



Timeline

To help you plan accordingly during the proposal process, please make note of the overall timeline below:

- Call for Proposals is open Monday, April 6 through Monday, May 11, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. CT
- Proposal submitters notified of decisions (accept/decline): Week of June 22
- Submitters of accepted proposals gain access to speaker recruitment portal: June 29
- Speaker recruitment deadline for all sessions: August 28

Questions

If you have questions, please reach out anytime.

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