

## 2026 SOA Valuation Actuary (ValAct) Meeting Call for Proposals (CFP) Guide

August 23-26, 2026 | Denver, CO  
September 15-17, 2026 | Virtual

CFP Open from February 2, 2026 – March 23, 2026

### **About the SOA Valuation Actuary Meeting**

The SOA ValAct Meeting unites the valuation actuarial community's brightest minds and industry leaders for a dynamic exchange of ideas, networking, and exploration of the trends transforming our industry.

### **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
- Discuss professionalism and bias relevant to actuarial work
- 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 the basics, offering deeper insights into essential concepts they can integrate into their daily work.

### **Audience Profile**

This meeting is the leading gathering of industry experts, employers, actuarial professionals, and thought leaders in the ValAct community.

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 ValAct Planning Committee and additional subject matter experts 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 March 23, 2026**.
- Presenters should represent diversity of thought, including a breadth of perspectives and **must** include 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. While proposals may address more than one track, you must select the one which is the best fit. The “other” track should only be selected if the proposal does not fit into one of the main tracks.

### **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 to the submission form.

The Planning Committee also encourages submissions that can be viewed as a series of two sessions. Think of these sessions as two 60-minute or 90-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 of 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 or 90 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, **February 2, 2026** through Monday, **March 23, 2026** at **11:59 p.m. CT**
- Proposal submitters notified of decisions (accept/decline): **Week of April 27**
- Submitters of accepted proposals gain access to speaker recruitment portal: **May 4**
- Speaker recruitment deadline for all sessions: **June 12**

### **Questions**

If you have questions, please reach out anytime to [Ania Jaroszek](#), Professional Development Administrator.