

## SCDRP 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting 2026 Steering Committee Expectations

SCDRP 10th Annual Meeting 2026  
College of Charleston  
March 4-5, 2026

**Theme:** *Navigating Extreme Events: Doing More with Less, Together.*

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The SCDRP 10th Annual Meeting 2026 Steering Committee is considered a short-term, ad hoc committee. To apply to join the Steering Committee, please complete the [short application](#) by August 28, 2025. *(If you are not able to use Google Forms, but are interested in applying, please email [claire@secoora.org](mailto:claire@secoora.org))*

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Steering Committee is to support the development and planning of meeting sessions and activities.

**Meeting Theme:** The theme of the 10th Anniversary Annual Meeting is “*Navigating Extreme Events: Doing More with Less, Together.*” The SCDRP 10th Anniversary Annual Meeting will highlight proactive, collaborative strategies for navigating disasters in a future where the responsibility for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery is shifting toward state and local entities. The Meeting will convene practitioners and stakeholders from across sectors and fields to identify and share innovative approaches that enhance state, territorial, tribal and local emergency management capacity with potentially limited resources.

**Committee Structure:** The Steering Committee will be composed of 15-18 SCDRP members. The Steering Committee will divide into Subcommittees to carry out the tasks listed on page 2 of this document. Each Steering Committee member must join at least one subcommittee.

**Time Commitment:** The time commitment will be approximately **3-4 hours per month**:

- 1 hour virtual meeting with the full Steering Committee once a month from September 2025 - March 2026.
- Approximately 1 additional hour-long virtual meeting per month with Subcommittees to plan and complete designated tasks from October 2025 - Feb 2026.
- Additionally, there may be up to 1-2 hours of work per month in between meetings (such as reaching out to prospective speakers or sponsors or other follow-up tasks identified in meetings). This may increase in the months leading up to the meeting.

**Benefits:** The Annual Meeting Steering Committee is a pathway to bring attention to relevant issues/projects that are important to your organization. It is also a great way to interact and get to know other SCDRP members (and fun too!). Steering Committee members receive discounted Annual Meeting registration.

**Tasks:** This year, we will recruit up to **15-18 Steering Committee members** to assist with the following tasks:

- **Tasks that will be carried out by Subcommittees (each committee will have 3-5 members):**
    - **Session Planning Subcommittee:** Planning 6 sessions that align with the theme “*Navigating Extreme Events: Doing More with Less, Together.*” (Ideal for Steering Committee members who have a strong professional background that relates to the meeting theme and professional connections in relevant fields)
      - Identifying session topics and objectives.
      - Identifying and inviting session speakers.
      - Determining session format (i.e. panel discussion, presentation, interactive session)
      - Meeting with speakers ahead of the Annual Meeting to review flow and format of the session.
    - **Welcome & Keynote Speaker Subcommittee:** Identify and invite one welcome speaker and 1-2 keynote speakers. (Ideal for Steering Committee members who have strong professional connections in relevant fields and local ties to Charleston).
    - **Field Trip Subcommittee:** Organize a demonstration field trip in the Charleston area that highlights a local initiative that is relevant to the meeting theme. (Ideal for Steering Committee members who have strong local ties to Charleston.)
    - **Student and Young Professional Engagement Subcommittee:** Identify and plan opportunities for student and young professional engagement in the meeting. (Ideal for Steering Committee members who like to think creatively and are passionate about engaging with students/young professionals.) Potential activities may include:
      - Poster Session
      - Job Fair
    - **Other meeting activities as identified by the Steering Committee (additional Subcommittees will be formed if necessary)**
  - **Tasks that will be carried out by all Steering Committee Members:**
    - **Meeting Sponsorships:** Assistance with identifying and approaching potential meeting sponsors. (*Potentially its own subcommittee*)
    - **Meeting Promotion:** Encouraging colleagues and professional connections to attend the meeting.
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**Steering Committee Requirements:** The Steering Committee will be a multi-sectoral group of resilience professionals representing private companies, academia, all levels of government, and nonprofits from throughout the Southeast and Caribbean.

Steering Committee members should meet the following qualifications:

- Steering Committee members should be dues-paying members of SCDRP. If you need to renew your membership, go to <https://www.scdrp.secoora.org/membership>.
- Steering Committee members should have the ability to attend Steering Committee meetings.
  - We anticipate holding approximately 10-11 meetings between September 2025 and March 2026. Steering Committee members should miss no more than 3 meetings.
  - Meeting times/dates will be determined to accommodate Steering Committee members' schedules.
- Members should have professional experience and background in the Southeastern US or Caribbean that is relevant to the meeting theme, *“Navigating Extreme Events: Doing More with Less, Together.”*
- Members should have professional contacts and connections within the field of resilience, emergency management, and/or disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

**Committee Selection:** This year, SCDRP will recruit 15-18 Steering Committee members. Committee members will be selected by the SCDRP Executive Committee based on the requirements listed above. Additionally, SCDRP will select members to ensure broad representation from across sectors, disciplines, and geographic location.

If you cannot commit to joining the Steering Committee, or are not selected to serve on the committee this year, you can still provide input on the Annual Meeting!

We have a “Suggestion Box” on the [meeting webpage](#) where you can submit your ideas, feedback, and suggestions. All suggestions will be shared with the Steering Committee. You can also [sign up to meet](#) with SCDRP’s Interim Director, Claire McGrath, to discuss your ideas.