



ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

January 14-16, 2026
Marriott Marquis Hotel, NYC

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

6-7:30pm Welcome Reception for **Registered** Meeting Attendees UPPER TERRACE -9TH FL
(Guest registration available on our website)

Thursday, January 15, 2026

8:00 Registration/Continental Breakfast/Exhibitor Display 7TH FLOOR FOYER
8:55 Welcome: Suzanne Oommen, Chair ASTOR ROOM-7TH FL

9:00 **INNOVATION THAT DELIVERS: SURGICAL BUNDLES FOR CTS & TRIGGER FINGER**

(Faster Recovery, Better Experience, Lower Cost)

Speakers: Amy Rolando, MinWorx Health

Dr. Darryl Barnes, Sonex Health

Mary Kossel, Ahold Delhaize USA

Dr. David Wei, Orthopaedic & Neurosurgery Specialist

10:00 NETWORK BREAK—Visit Exhibitors 7th FLOOR FOYER

10:20 **PUTTING AI TO WORKCOMP PANEL DISCUSSION**

(How AI works with all aspects of workers' comp)

Speakers: David Wehner, DW Advisors LLC--Moderator

Cliff Belliveau, myMatrixx

Nan-Wei Gong, FIGUR8

11:30 NETWORK BREAK – VISIT EXHIBITORS 7th FLOOR FOYER
12:00 Lunch SOHO ROOM-7th FL
1:10 Membership Award presentation ASTOR ROOM-7th FL

1:20 **KEYNOTE: WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD UPDATE--**

MEET THE NEW WCB CHAIR

Speakers: Hon. Freida Foster, Chair

Steven M. Scotti, Executive Director

New York State Workers' Compensation Board

(Thursday continued)

1:50 **TO BUNDLE OR NOT TO BUNDLE? – THAT IS THE QUESTION**

(Unbundling your Third-Party Administration)

Speakers: Erika Graham, Port Authority of NY and NJ

Kathy Talabec, The JM Smucker Company

Kelly Powers, Scott Miracle-Gro

Ron Carter, RxBridge

2:40 NETWORK BREAK—VISIT EXHIBITORS

7th FLOOR FOYER

3:00 **WORKERS' COMPENSATION "HOT MIC" Q&A – MEDICAL EDITION**

(Answering your "burning" medical questions)

Speakers: James Tacci, MD, NY WCB Medical Director

Lt. Colonel John Cody, MD, Superior Medical Consultants

Bradley Cash, MD, Superior Medical Consultants

Moderator: Daniel Falge, Cohen Vaughan LLP

4:00 Meeting Adjourns/Exhibitor Prizes

ASTOR ROOM-7th FL

4:05 WCB Advisory Committee Meeting (members only)

HARLEM ROOM

4:50 NYSIA Board of Managers' Meeting

HARLEM ROOM

5:30 Reception

7th ROOM FOYER

Friday, January 16, 2026

8:00 Registration/Light Breakfast

7th FLOOR FOYER

8:55 Welcome: Paul Zaragoza, Vice Chair

ASTOR ROOM-7th FL

9:00 **REVIEW OF 2025 DECISIONS**

Speaker: Eric Chase

Wolff Goodrich & Goldman LLP

10:10 BREAK

10:30 **"THE ONLY THING TO FEAR IS FEAR ITSELF (AND POSSIBLY COVID)"**

(The Anderson case, § 10 (3) (c) and their impacts on mental injury claims.)

Speakers: Ralph Magnetti, Cherry, Edson & Kelly LLP

J. Evan Perigoe, Weiss, Wexler & Wornow P.C.

11:25 **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Speaker: Paul Zaragoza

New York City Department of Law

12:00 Survivor Raffle/Meeting Adjourns