NEW YORK SELF-INSURERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

January 12-14, 2027
Marriott Marquis Hotel, NYC

Tuesday, January 12, 2027

6-7:30pm Welcome Reception for **Registered** Meeting Attendees — LOCATION TBA
(Guest registration available on our website)

Wednesday, January 13, 2027

8:00 Registration/Continental Breakfast/Exhibitor Display — 7TH FLOOR FOYER
9:00 Welcome: Suzanne Oommen, Chair — ASTOR ROOM-7TH FL

9:05 **TRUST BUT VERIFY 101**
(Validity Testing in Chronic Pain: Tools, Limits, Pitfalls)
Perspective from a PMR Doctor
Speaker: Steven Weinstein, MD, PMR
Brookside Consultants

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

10:20 **TRUST BUT VERIFY 102**
(Validity Testing in Chronic Pain: Tools, Limits, Pitfalls)
Perspective from a Psychiatrist
Speaker: Ziv Cohen, MD

11:00 **TRUST BUT VERIFY 103**
(Investigating Malingering or Magnification Without Assumption)
Perspective from the SIU
Speaker: Frank Sztuk
Delta Group

11:30 NETWORK BREAK – VISIT EXHIBITORS — 7th FLOOR FOYER
12:00 Lunch — SOHO ROOM-7th FL
1:10 Election of Officers/Membership Presentation — ASTOR ROOM-7th FL

1:30 **KEYNOTE: WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD UPDATE** — New Chair Paul Zaragoza
Speakers: Hon. Freida Foster, Chair
Steven M. Scotti, Executive Director
New York State Workers' Compensation Board

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2:00 **HOT MIC: RED FLAG? OR RED HERRING?**

(Answers to the Questions You've Been Afraid to Ask)

Speakers: Kristy Behr, Stewart, Goldsmith & DeCurtis
Kevin Nicoli, Karen Castillo-Rodriguez, Lodestar

2:50 NETWORK BREAK—VISIT EXHIBITORS — 7th FLOOR FOYER

3:00 **LET'S PLAY KAHOOT!**

Our presenters are about to turn workers' compensation training into a fast-paced, crowd-powered Kahoot! showdown that will have everyone engaged from start to finish. Participants will test their knowledge, compete for bragging rights (and prizes!), and learn key workers' compensation facts through interactive questions, friendly competition, and plenty of laughs along the way. Bring your smart phones to this session that you won't want to miss!)

Presenters: Christy Northrup, Eastman Kodak
Timothy Kemperle, UPS
Suzanne Oommen, New York University

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

Thursday, January 14, 2027

8:00	Registration/Light Breakfast	7TH FLOOR FOYER
8:55	Welcome: Sheera Buckley, New Vice Chair	ASTOR ROOM-7th FL

9:00 **REVIEW OF 2026 DECISIONS**

Speakers: Jason Lewis & Joseph Mercurio
Chartwell Law

10:10 BREAK

10:30 **COMPLEX AND CATASTROPHIC WORK INJURIES**

(Best Practices in Proactively Managing the Claims that Define Your Year)

Speakers: Maria Perez, RN, BSN, MPH, Case Management Network, Inc.
Joseph Loizzo, MD, PhD, Nalanda Institute

11:15 **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Speaker: Paul Zaragoza
New York City Law Department

12:00 Survivor Raffle/Meeting Adjourns