

**THORACIC ANESTHESIA SYMPOSIUM (TAS)
PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION**

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: EDUCATION

SCA will be a global leader in comprehensive professional development that promotes the provision of safe, high quality, cost-effective medical care for patients undergoing cardiovascular and thoracic procedures.

MISSION

The Thoracic Anesthesia Symposium (TAS) Program Planning Committee maintains the quality of the scientific content of the Thoracic Anesthesia Symposium and ensures consistency, continuity and balance in the programming.

PURPOSE

The committee designs the overall program for the TAS. Specific duties include:

1. To determine the basic schedule for the main conference events, working within the constraints of the facility and SCA's budget.
2. To identify and select the moderators and speakers for the general sessions, workshops and PBLDs.
3. To review and select the abstracts.
4. To participate, as needed by staff, in conference events on-site, review conference evaluations and offer suggestions for future conferences accordingly.

PARENT COMMITTEE

The committee reports to the CME Committee.

MEETING

The committee meets at least once per year.

COMPOSITION

The committee is composed of the Course Director, the Parent Committee (CME) Chair, and up to twelve other committee members. A Board Liaison may be appointed at the discretion of the President.

TERM

Committee members serve for a term of two years for any number of terms, but not more than three terms consecutively.