



South Carolina Employers' Advocacy Association

Become a Part of the Voice Today.

South Carolina Employers' Advocacy Association, Inc. strives to be the voice in workers' compensation matters in South Carolina by advocating for employers before the Workers' Compensation Commission, the General Assembly, and other venues as appropriate. We seek to educate and inform members about legislative and regulatory issues and to work and cooperate with other organizations which have similar interests.

Since it was formed in 1975 as the South Carolina Self-Insurers Association, the association has focused on the interests of employers self-insuring their workers' compensation obligations in South Carolina. In 2016, the association broadened its scope and now focuses on the workers' compensation-related issues of all South Carolina employers. The Employers' Advocacy Association is one of the most useful resources for continuing education about workers'

What has SCEAA done for SC employers?

- In 2021, the SCEAA supported passage of COVID liability protections (S.147), which passed in April. This prevents lawsuits against businesses by people who contract COVID as long as health guidelines were followed.
- The SCEAA lobbied against proposed legislation in 2019 including HR 3352 that would adversely affect all SC employers and workers' comp insurance carriers
- The SCEAA has filed and participated in amicus briefs, including: *James v. Anne's, Inc.*, *Adickes v. Philips Healthcare*, and *Clemmons v. Lowe's*
- Influenced lawmakers to stop the Opt Out bill in 2015.
- Advocated on behalf of employers on the mental stress House bill in 2013
- The SCEAA's President represented the Association on the Governor's Commission on Workers' Compensation reform in 2010.
- In 2007, the SCEAA successfully lobbied for the orderly dissolution of the Second Injury Fund, stricter definition of repetitive trauma, and other aspects of Senate Bill 332.
- We monitored the dissolution of the Second Injury Fund, ongoing assessments, and payouts following the legislation.
- Worked to successfully block the proposed self-insurers guarantee fund.

compensation and the issues and trends in and affecting workers' compensation, in South Carolina.

Many of South Carolina's largest employers belong to the association, along with claims professionals, legal firms, and other organizations serving the needs of the workers' compensation marketplace. Membership is open to any South Carolina employer which is subject to the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Act, any organization whose services prevent workers' compensation claims or mitigate the cost of claims which do occur, and insurance companies providing commercial workers' compensation insurance in South Carolina, but are not an employer subject to the Act.

So, while things have been relatively quiet on the workers' compensation front, big challenges are always looming. Do not be caught off guard. No organization in the state has a better understanding of workers' compensation than our association and its members. This is because the best lawyers and claims and rehab professionals are members of our group. We regularly call on these resources when proposing or opposing changes to the system. The SCEAA also retains a lobbying firm, Capitol Consultants, to actively lobby elected officials and monitor all regulatory agencies in South Carolina. Become a member today and let SCEAA monitor and advocate on your behalf.

SAVE THE DATES:

May 2 – BMW Zentrum, Greer

June 10 – 4th Annual Golf Tournament, Columbia Country Club

October 11 – Inaugural Clay Shoot, Hermitage Sporting Grounds, Camden

December 5 – The Palmetto Club, Columbia

Regional Program registration opens at 8:00 am. The program will begin at 9:00 am. More details will be sent prior to the program. Breakfast and lunch are included.

Sponsorship opportunities are located on the website.

Annual membership dues are \$350. In addition, members may now opt to package the educational program registrations with their membership dues. This may simplify the approval process by combining dues and registration fees into a single request.

Basic Package (\$350) Provides membership for your organization and all of its employees and includes access to member rate registration at each of the three educational events and includes you in member only communications.

Tier 1 (\$500) This package includes the Basic above along with three program registrations which may be used by employees or guests of the member company. Value: \$575 – a savings of \$75.

Tier 2 (\$650) This includes the Basic package described above and six program registrations for employees or guests. Value: \$800 – a savings of \$150.

Tier 3 (\$850) This package includes the Basic Membership described above along with a total of ten registrations that may be used at any of the Regional Programs. Value: \$1100 – a savings of \$250.

NOTE: The registrations included in the above packages can be used by any employee or guest of your organization. Non-member Regional Program registration is \$150 per person.



Please take a moment to make any updates on your information. Membership is in the company name and provides opportunities to all employees.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please list any additional staff (name and email) that should be added to our database:

Membership Packages

- Basic (\$350)** Membership Dues only
- Tier 1 (\$500)** Membership dues, plus three registrations
- Tier 2 (\$650)** Membership dues, plus six registrations
- Tier 3 (\$850)** Membership dues, plus ten registrations

Thank you for your support of the South Carolina Employers' Advocacy Association!

Prices shown above are discounted for payment by check or cash. If paying with a credit card, there is an additional convenience fee of 3.5% of the total.

If paying by credit card, please complete the information below and return to info@scemployers.org or you may request a payment link. Mail checks to: SCEAA, PO Box 1763, Columbia, SC 20202.