

NEUROSCIENCE 2026
NOVEMBER 14-18
RESUME OVERVIEW

The Society for Neuroscience is the world's largest organization of scientists and physicians dedicated to understanding the brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nervous system. Founded in 1969, the Society has grown from 500 charter members to nearly 30,000 members. The purposes of the Society are to (a) advance the understanding of the nervous system by bringing together scientists from various backgrounds and by encouraging research in all aspects of neuroscience; (b) promote education in the neurosciences; and (c) inform the general public about results and implications of new research. The exchange of scientific information occurs at the Annual Meeting that includes nearly 11,000 reports of new scientific findings and estimated 20,000 – 23,000 participants. Attendees from North America comprised 75% and international attendees from approximately 80 countries represented 25% of the total attendance. Exhibit personnel included 3,000 – 3,500 people.

The Society's Annual Meeting is the largest of its kind in the world and is considered the arena for the presentation of new results in neuroscience.

MEETING LOCATION

Headquarters offices, scientific sessions, symposia, nanosymposia, mini-symposia, exhibits, and registration will be located at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. Daytime special and presidential special lectures will be held in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall D.

GENERAL SCHEDULE OF MEETING

Friday, November 13	Pre-Conference Short Course
	Attendee Badge Pickup Opens at 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 14	Official meeting opens at 10 a.m.
	Sessions and Posters begin at 1 p.m.
Sunday, November 15	Sessions, Posters, and Exhibits, Exhibits open at 9:30 a.m.
Monday, November 16	Sessions, Posters, and Exhibits
Tuesday, November 17	Sessions, Posters, and Exhibits
Wednesday, November 18	Sessions, Posters, and Exhibits, Meeting Closes at 5 p.m.

Badge Pick Up

Badge pick-up is in the West Salon of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. Badge Pick Up is open on the following dates and hours.

Friday, November 13	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 14	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	One counter open until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday.
Sunday, November 15	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, November 16	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 17	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Exposition

Exhibits are in Halls A-C of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. The Exhibit Management Office is located in Show Office B.

Exhibit Management Contacts:

Allison Burns, CEM, Senior Operations Manager
Jennifer Gross, CEM, Meetings Operations Specialist

Official Service Contractor:

The Expo Group

Move In for Exhibitors:	Wednesday, November 11	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Thursday, November 12	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Friday, November 13	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Saturday, November 14	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hours:	Sunday, November 15	9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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	Monday, November 16	9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Tuesday, November 17	9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, November 18	9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, November 18	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Move Out for Exhibitors:	Thursday, November 19	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Poster Sessions

Poster sessions are located throughout Halls A-C of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

Saturday, November 14	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 15 – Wednesday, November 18	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sessions

All SfN sessions are located at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center and held Saturday, November 14 – Wednesday, November 18. A detailed schedule is included in the resume and at <http://www.sfn.org/am2026>.

Satellite/Ancillary Events

- Satellite Symposia and Ancillary Events are non-SfN sponsored events, meetings, socials, etc. SfN Annual Meeting attendees may attend these events.
- Satellite events are approved and scheduled through SfN so as not to conflict with SfN scientific sessions.
- Satellite events are held Tuesday, November 10 – Wednesday, November 18.
- Satellite/Ancillary Event contact information, logistics, and billing information are detailed in the resume.
- The facility is to obtain specific catering requirements for satellite/ancillary events directly from the organizers listed on each logistics sheet.
- Please note the special billing instructions contained in this resume. Organizers have been advised they must set up individual accounts for their events.
- Requests for poster boards should be directed to The Expo Group.

OFFICES

Annual Meeting Headquarters Office

The Annual Meeting Logistics Headquarters Office is in Room 102 in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. The onsite telephone number is (202) 249-4102. This office manages all logistics and programming-related questions. Annual Meeting Logistics staff are:

Paula Kara, CMP, Senior Director, Meeting Services
Dawn Keane, CMP, Director, Meeting Operations
Sharon Bowles, CEM, Senior Meeting Planner
Allison Burns, CEM, Senior Operations Manager
Stephanie Embrey, CEM, Registration Manager
Jennifer Gross, CEM, Meeting Operations Specialist
Katelyn Crume, Meeting Services Associate
Tim Pontrelli, Logistics Consultant

The Annual Meeting Headquarters Office is open during the following hours:

Friday, November 13	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 14	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 15	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 16	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 17	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Audio Visual & Computer Rental

- The Society for Neuroscience's official audio visual and computer rental company is Atlantic Images and Sound (AIS). The contact is Eric Berry, President.
- Visual support will be provided by Atlantic Images and Sound.

- Audio support will be provided by Projection of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.
- The AIS office will be in Room 159AB of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center and staffed Saturday, November 14 - Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Security

- The Society's Security Provider is Lincoln Security.
- The Society for Neuroscience security contacts are Paula Kara and Allison Burns.
- There is the potential for demonstrations by animal rights activists during the Animals in Research Workshop on Monday, November 16 (10:00 am in Room 206) and during the nanosymposia and poster sessions Saturday, November 14 – Wednesday, November 18.

Service Desk

The Expo Group, Inc will operate a service desk located in Concourse B.

Shuttle Service

- Shuttle service will be provided through Production Transport.
- Production Transport will operate a service desk for attendees located in the L Street North Lobby. Telephone: (310) 900-9525.
- Shuttle Bus service will be available from the official convention hotels to the Walter E. Washington Convention Center except for the hotels which are within walking distance.
- For more information about hours and routes, please visit www.sfn.org/shuttle

IMPORTANT SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE POLICIES

Audio/Video Reproductions

The Society for Neuroscience reserves the rights to audio and video reproduction of all presentations at Neuroscience 2026. Individuals may not patch into house sound systems.

Accounting

- Identify each charge.
- Enclose all banquet checks, accounting of cash bar receipts, and backup for all charges. In the individual resume sheets, you will notice we have included cost center information. If it is possible to include this information on your final bill, it will speed the coding and processing of the bill.

Authorized Signatures

Organizers of Satellite/Ancillary events may sign for charges incurred for their events. Individuals below are authorized signatures to the Society for Neuroscience Master Account.

Paula Kara, CMP, Senior Director, Meeting Services
 Dawn Keane, CMP, Director, Meeting Operations
 Kyle Hayden, CMP, Director, Meeting Programs & Attendee Services
 Sharon Bowles, CEM, Senior Meeting Planner
 Allison Burns, CEM, Senior Meetings Operations Manager
 Stephanie Embrey, CEM, Registration Manager
 Jennifer Gross, CEM, Meeting Operations Specialist
 Katelyn Crume, Meeting Services Associate
 Tim Pontrelli, Logistics Consultant
 Kevin Marvel, PhD, Executive Director

Keys

- A key order will provided for each facility with the resume.
- All locks requiring high security should be reset and only Society staff will be issued keys.
- Please key rooms with more than one door the same. If doors cannot be keyed the same, provide keys for each door. If the doors can be keyed the same, then just provide the number of key requested (not for each door).

Master Account

Please establish a Master Account in the name of the Society for Neuroscience. At the conclusion of the meeting, forward, via email, the Master Account invoice along with backup for all charges to:

Society for Neuroscience
Attention: Dawn Keane, CMP Director, Meeting Operations
1121 14th Street, NW, Suite 1010
Washington, DC 20005
dkeane@sfn.org

Meeting Room Temperature

- Preset all session rooms for 71 F.
- The temperature should not go above 75 F.
- Please do not set computers for air conditioning to be turned off precisely at the end time of each event as many run overtime.
- Please be sure to have air conditioning on in the meeting rooms in enough time to sufficiently cool the rooms prior to the meeting start times.

Signs/Literature

- Lobby and directional signs will be delivered by The Expo Group and placed beginning on Tuesday, November 10 – Friday, November 13.
- Only official Society signs may be placed in the Neuroscience 2026 facilities.
- Organizers of ancillary events may only place a sign outside the entrance to their function room on the day of their function only.
- Exhibitors may only distribute literature from their booths.
- Under no circumstances may any other individuals place signs of any nature or distribute literature of any kind without prior written approval from the Society for Neuroscience.
- (1) easel is required outside the entrance to each Society event 45 minutes prior to the start of the event.

Telephone Numbers

Please refer to the telephone list on the Neuroscience 2026 resume website for telephone numbers.

SCHEDULE OF PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS

WCC	Wednesday, November 11	3:30 p.m.
City-Wide Hotel Pre-Con Meeting	Thursday, November 12	2:00 p.m.

Additional Information for Walter E. Washington Convention Center

Building Access

Please arrange to have doors open at the Grand Lobby for SfN staff to gain early access to the building. Please be sure doors are open each morning at the following times:

Monday, November 9 – Thursday, November 12	8:00 a.m. - Staff Only
Friday, November 13 – Wednesday, November 18	6:00 a.m. - Staff Only
Friday, November 13 – Wednesday, November 18	7:00 a.m. - All Entrances Open

Please instruct building security that Society for Neuroscience staff, with badges and staff ribbons only, may enter through these entrances on a 24-hour basis. Please advise of procedures SfN staff must use to gain access to the building during closed hours.

Equipment Delivery

- The Expo Group and Society for Neuroscience materials (boxes and trunks) will arrive at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center loading docks on Monday, November 9 at 6:00 a.m. Boxes and trunks will be marked for placement within the Walter E Washington Convention Center.
- Atlantic Images and Sound will deliver equipment beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 9. Eric Berry is in charge of distribution.
- The Maritz equipment will arrive on Tuesday, November 10.
- Office machines, copy machines, etc. for offices will be delivered on Wednesday, November 11.

Food Service

- Please open concessions and restaurants beginning Thursday, November 12 (minimal service for exhibitor move-in).
- Service levels should increase on Friday, November 13
- Full service should begin Saturday, November 14 at 7:00 a.m. and operate through Wednesday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m.
- Please have healthy food available, as well as the favorite non-healthy foods.
- Have outlets open during registration hours with maximum staffing.
- Please keep exhibit hall concessions staffed to capacity during the breakfast and lunch hours.
- Place as many portable concessions as is possible in lobbies and hallways.
- Please provide the final concession schedule by October 16, 2026.

Remote Dimmer Switches

Provide in each meeting room used for scientific sessions, if available.

Additional Information for the Headquarter Hotels

The Society events, as well as special group meetings (satellite/ancillary events) may be viewed and downloaded from our website at <https://www.sfn.org/meetings/neuroscience-2026/sessions-and-events>. Please note that events listed have been scheduled to begin and end according to the scheduled times listed; however, some of the sessions and lectures may end prior to, or run about 15-30 minutes longer than the listed time. If a session is continuing past the listed time, do not interrupt to begin room clean-up.

Amenity Packages – Will provide under separate cover.

Bell Stand

Please have the bell stand staffed to maximum capacity for arrivals on Friday-Sunday, November 13-15. Likewise for heavy checkout on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, November 17-18. Many of the guests will check out early and leave luggage at the bell stand.

Front Desk

- Please have the Front Desk staffed to maximum capacity for heavy arrivals on Friday-Sunday, November 13-15.
- Anticipate average arrival on Thursday, November 12 (VIPs begin arriving on Thursday, please have Front Desk staffed so they do not have to wait in lines).
- Heavy checkout is anticipated Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, November 17-18.
- **Note: Please be sure to instruct personnel to only charge VIPs as outlined in the reservations provided by CMR.**

Master Account & VIP Reservations– Will provide under separate cover from CMR, the housing company for Neuroscience 2026.

Room Service/Restaurants/F&B Outlets

- Sessions will begin Saturday at 10:00 a.m., and at 8:00 am Sunday – Wednesday.
- Exhibits are open 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily from Sunday, November 15 - Wednesday, November 18.
- Room service and restaurant traffic could be heavy early in the morning.
- The daily lunch break is between 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Sessions have staggered end times of between 5:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Saturday – Tuesday, all sessions end at 5:00 pm. Wednesday.
- Traffic will be heavy in lounges from 5:30 p.m. into the evening.

Special Attention/VIP Status

The following individuals are to be given VIP status:

Nick Spitzer, PhD	President
Patricia H. Janak, PhD	President-Elect
Peter L. Strick, PhD	Incoming President-Elect
John H. Morrison, PhD	Past President
Katalin Tóth, PhD	Treasurer
William J. Martin, PhD	Treasurer-Elect
Catherine S. Woolley, PhD	Incoming Treasurer-Elect
Cheryl L. Sisk, PhD	Past Treasurer
Katherine Roche, PhD	Secretary
Pat Levitt, PhD	Secretary-Elect
Kevin Marvel, PhD	Executive Director

Special Note:

PLEASE red flag the Presidential Suite occupied by Dr. Spitzer for **SPEEDY SERVICE**. Please schedule cleaning of the suite and nightly turn-down service as follows: **Please clean suite each morning at 9:30 a.m. Please schedule nightly turn-down at 6:00 p.m.**