



2025 SC SHRM State Conference – HR: Stayin’ Alive in 2025

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Wednesday, September 24

7:15 – 8:00 Academy Registration

8:00 – 4:30 ACADEMY with Dr. Patrick Wright – “Stayin’ Alive: The Need for Business-Focused HR”

3:00 – 5:30 Conference Registration

5:30 – 7:00 Welcome Reception in the EXHIBIT HALL

Thursday, September 25

7:30 Exhibit Hall / Breakfast

8:15 Opening Remarks

9:00 Opening Session with Johnny C. Taylor Jr., SHRM-SCP

10:00 break in the exhibit hall

10:30 Breakout Sessions:

1. Robyn Knox **“Transforming Workplaces Through Coaching Conversations”**
2. Zack Jarrett & Liz Wiles **“How to Successfully “Stay Alive” & Handle Comp Claims (ER Perspective)”**
3. Mariel McAllister **“HR 101: Foundations of Modern People Operations”**
4. Sheila Abron **“Employment Law Updates: What HR Needs to Know to Thrive”**
5. Alexander-Ali Dalipi **“Your Next HR Assistant: It’s Not Human”**

11:30 Exhibit Hall Open/Lunch Buffet Start

1:00 General Session with Marcey Rader “Reclaim Your Workday”

2:00 break in exhibit hall

2:30 Breakout Sessions:

1. Bill Scheidt w/ Sewa Beats North America **“Music as a Metaphor for Leadership Success”**
2. Dewana Looper & Joe Wideman **“Best Practices to Help Everyone Thrive After a Work Injury”**
3. Steve Nail **“Emerging Leaders Panel: Keeping the Beat of HR Alive in 2025”**
4. Bill Duda & Sarah Gable **“Workplace Investigations: When the Spotlight’s on You, Will You Have All The Right Moves?”**
5. George L. & Joyce F. **“How Alcoholics Anonymous Cooperates with HR Professionals”**

3:30 break in exhibit hall

3:45 Breakout Sessions:

1. Joseph Dickey, Katie Busbee, Denny Major, & Alex Williams **“Stayin’ Compliant: How to Survive & Thrive in HR’s New Legal Disco”**
2. William Floyd & Dr Rebecca Battle-Bryant **“SC’s Workforce: Data-focus & Cross-generational Opportunities”**
3. Jewel Sweeney **“Accessibility, an Immersive Education”**
4. Reggie Belcher **“Understanding Unions in SC: Rights, Realities, and the Road Ahead”**
5. Jason Smith & Allison Boulware **“Navigating Compensation: Insights from a Banking Case Study”**

6:30 Reception

7:15 HR Awards and Dinner with DJ Mike

Friday, September 26

7:45 Exhibit Hall - Breakfast

8:30 Opening Remarks

9:15 General Session with SwellSpace “From Disco to Digital: Stayin’ Alive with Benefits Innovation”

10:15 break in exhibit hall

10:45 Closing Session with Marcey Rader “Everyday Energy”

11:45 Closing – Door Prizes – Vendor and SHRM (must be present to win SC SHRM prizes)

***** times, topics, and order are subject to change***