



# **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 **“How to Successfully “Stay Alive” & Handle Comp Claims (An Employer’s Perspective)”**
3. Mariel McAllister **“HR 101: Stayin’ Alive Starts here”**
4. Shelia Abron **“Employment Law Updates: What HR Needs to Know to Thrive”**
5. Alexander-Ali Dalipi **“The Future HR Conversation with AI”**

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 **“Workplace Investigations: Stayin’ Sharp, Stayin’ Safe, Stayin’ Alive”**
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 **“Anderson Brothers Bank: Compensation 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***