



AFFILIATE & REUNION GROUP POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

AAD PROGRAM CHANGE

Once again, the 2026 AAD Annual Meeting will begin with an Opening Ceremony on Friday from 5:00pm – 6:30pm. This session will be followed by an AAD Member Welcome Reception from 7:00pm -10:00pm. Due to these new program changes, Affiliate & Reunion events will not be permitted to begin until after 6:30pm on Friday evening. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THIS WHEN SCHEDULING YOUR EVENT.

To ensure that all events follow the Policies and Guidelines of the American Academy of Dermatology, during the submission process all affiliate groups will be asked to provide a meeting description for their event(s). A description and/or agenda will be mandatory for each meeting submission.

AFFILIATE / REUNION GROUP FUNCTION REQUEST

Includes: specialty society meetings, editorial board meetings, and university reunion events. Exhibiting companies and companies affiliated with exhibiting companies **MUST** fill out the separate [**Exhibitor Request Form**](#) on the AAD website. Approval for meeting space will not be granted to non-exhibiting companies that do not qualify in one of the areas listed above.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Social Functions may not be scheduled during the Academy's educational and exhibit programs, and thus must be scheduled during the following hours:

Thursday	All Day
Friday	Before 7:30am or After 6:30pm
Saturday	Before 7:30am or After 5:30pm
Sunday	Before 7:00am or After 5:30pm
Monday	Before 7:30am or After 5:30pm
Tuesday	Before 8:00am or After 12:15pm

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Educational Sessions by physician-member organizations and Intersociety Liaison Committee member organizations may not be scheduled during the Academy's educational and exhibit programs, and thus must be scheduled during the following hours:

Wednesday & Thursday	All Day
Friday	Before 7:30am or After 6:30pm
Saturday	Before 7:30am or After 5:30pm
Sunday	Before 7:00am or After 5:30pm
Monday	Before 7:30am or After 5:30pm
Tuesday	Before 8:00am or After 12:15pm

(NOTE: The Academy defines an Educational Session as any meeting that has a set agenda with speakers, has a list of invited attendees, and/or exceeds 50 participants. Exhibiting and Non-Exhibiting companies, as well as Medical Education Companies, may not hold educational sessions during the AAD Annual Meeting unless they are more than 48 hours before the AAD Annual Meeting. This policy pertains only to meetings/sessions held in the same city where the AAD Annual Meeting is taking place.)

SOCIETY BOARD, COMMITTEE, TASK FORCE MEETINGS

Dermatologic societies may schedule small (50 people or less) board, committee, and task force meetings at any time other than the Opening Ceremony on Friday (5:00pm – 6:30pm) or the Plenary Session on Sunday (8:00am – 12:00pm) during the Annual Meeting.

EDITORIAL AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

Affiliate groups (non-exhibiting companies/organizations) may schedule small (50 people or less) editorial and advisory board meetings at any time other than the Opening Ceremony on Friday (5:00pm – 6:30pm) or the Plenary Session on Sunday (8:00am – 12:00pm) during the Annual Meeting.