

Summer Scientific Forum Track Vice Chair

Ideal Candidate

A Track Vice Chair is both a leader and a manager. They are knowledgeable in the developments, issues, and key opinions in their scientific area. The ideal candidate works in the pharmaceutical sciences with scientific expertise in the track area and has adequate leadership and management skills to select new and novel presentations, recruit speakers, and assist in developing an effective program for the conference.

The Track Vice Chair is expected to advance to Track Chair the following year.

Qualifications

Applicants who do not meet these qualifications will not be considered.

- Member of AAPS at time of application through completion of the meeting.
- Depth of expertise, preferably influence, in a track-related pharmaceutical discipline relevant to biologics and biotechnology.
- Knowledge of trends affecting track area.
- Experience leading and managing committees at AAPS or other associations.
- Awareness of key opinions held by leaders in the field.
- Excellent communication and facilitation skills.
- Willing to encourage others in creating and submitting presentation proposals through their personal networks, social media, and the AAPS Communities.
- Commitment to attend Summer Scientific Forum (SSF) in person in 2026.

Duties

- Assist Track Chair and support Track Chair's decisions.
- Able to motivate Track Leaders in developing programming, reviewing submissions, and meeting deadlines.
- Support Track Chair in leading Track Team in selecting new and cutting-edge presentations that can inform, engage, and inspire the audience for their assigned track at SSF.
- Communicate submission criteria and encourage members, non-members, partners, and sister organizations to submit proposals through their personal networks, and social media.
- Identify competing for-profit and non-profit meetings, and ensure Track is counter-programmed to those events.
- Develop programming to fill gaps in submissions by reaching out to subject matter experts and obtaining commitment to present.
- Identify critical programming for the meeting and recruit speakers to present it.
- Recruit moderators through their personal networks, and social media.
- Assist in managing speakers whose proposals have been accepted.
- Attend multiple teleconferences to discuss alignment across tracks. Lead teleconferences if Track Chair is unable to participate.
- Collaborate with staff to inform speakers and resolve questions.

- Attend SSF in person and assist in the execution of the program.

Term of Service: October 2025 - August 2026

The role of Track Vice Chair will begin in October 2025 and last through the 10-month execution cycle. This individual would then become the 2027 Track Chair to ensure a smooth leadership transition.

Estimated Time Commitment

2-3 hours a week on average over the 10-month period, with periods of intense engagement in the spring and summer.

Appointment Process

Selected by SPC Chair and approved by AAPS Board of Directors.