

2026 SEFA Annual Conference—Nov. 11– 13, 2026

J W Marriott—Aventura, Florida



Dear Members and Industry Colleagues:

Spring has FINALLY sprung here in New York, where I was just shoveling a foot of snow a few weeks ago, as it is suddenly sunny and 70 degrees. I hope you are all enjoying similarly pleasant weather as the calendar turns to March.

Standard Writing Committee Meetings:

As the weather transitions from winter to spring, we have also been springing into action at SEFA, as we have held several Standard Writing Committee Meetings over the last few weeks, and these committees continue to make tremendous progress on their respective standards. We have been especially encouraged by the increased attendance at these committee meetings, as we have had nearly 100 total attendees at these meetings over the last month. Additionally, some of our Associate Members and Advisory Board Members have graciously “assigned” themselves to a specific Standard Writing Committee so that we always have the perspective of an architect/engineer while writing these standards. The list of Advisory Board and Associate Members and the committees they volunteered to participate in is attached to this email.

Annual Conference Registration:

We are thrilled to announce that registration for SEFA’s 2026 Annual Conference from November 11th - 13th at the J.W. Marriott Miami Turnberry is now open! Please use the link below to register for register:

<https://book.passkey.com/gt/221157705?gtid=77331b7f18e7196eb54c32353ce45e0b>

Our 2026 SEFA Annual Conference will feature the following activities: (1) the Annual “No Pressure” Golf Tournament; (2) the Wednesday night welcome reception; (3) the Lab of the Year Presentations and Awards Ceremony; (4) more than a dozen Standard Writing Committee Meetings; and (5) a cruise on the Florida Intracoastal Waterway on Thursday night, which will also feature our Lifetime Achievement Award Ceremony. We hope to see you all there!

Interim Survey of the Lab Design Community:

In the coming months, Top Down Analytics (TDA), the company that conducts our Biennial Market Survey, will be interviewing several members of the lab design community to gather trend data. TDA will use this data to make projections about the market, and then we will distribute those projections to our members.

New Members:

Last, but *certainly* not least, we would like to officially welcome our new members!

- Mocha Lighting

- Alex Kogan - The Rockefeller University
- Isabel Mandujano - DLR Group

Those are all of the updates we have for you right now, so feel free to put those snow shovels away for a while, break out the flip flops, and enjoy this spring weather!

SEFA Committees

RP#	COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS	ADVISORY BOARD
SEFA 1	Fume Hoods	Luke Savage - LABCONCO Corp. Andrew Sinnamon - Mott Manufacturing	Abbie Gregg- AM Technical Solutions Stuart Lewis – Flad Architects Alex Kogan – Rockefeller University
SEFA 2	Installations	Dennis Mertz, J.E.D. Installations Lisa Ryan - Lab Crafters	Dario Tonelli – LaborPlaner Tonelli AG Alex Kogan – Rockefeller University Philippe Fristot – L’Oreal
SEFA 3	Work Surfaces	Rodney LaBelle - Kewaunee Scientific John Plachko - Fundermax North America	Punit Jain – CannonDesign Isabel Mandujano - DLR Diane Kase - SmithGroup
SEFA 7	Fixtures	Mike Straughn - WaterSaver Faucet Co. Stephanie Wortmann - BROEN-LAB	Brian Richard – Kirksey Architects
SEFA 8M	Metal Casework	Andy Sinnamon - Mott Manufacturing Roy Richards - OnePointe Solutions	Don Bush – HKS Architects Lloyd Fisk – RFD
SEFA 8PH	Phenolic Casework	Wayne Cathey - ICI Scientific Jim Lewis, TRESPA, NA	Alex Kogan – Rockefeller University

SEFA 8PL	Plastic Laminate Casework	Bert Bowden - Case Systems Wallace Twist - TMI Systems Corp.	Dave Edwards – The S/L/A/M Collaborative
SEFA 8P	Polypropylene Casework	Ken Dixon - Air Control, Inc. Pete Daniele - LM Air Tech	Charlie Klee - Payette
SEFA 8W	Wood Casework	Lori MacLeod - CiF Lab Solutions Brant Kelly - Diversified Casework	Isabel Mandujano – DLR Josh Meyer - ZGF
SEFA 9	Ductless Enclosures	Kevin McGough - Air Clean Systems Luke Savage - LABCONCO Corp.	Abbie Gregg- AM Technical Solutions
SEFA 10	Adaptable Casework Systems	Bob DeLuca, Jr. - Lab Crafters Susan Speicher - Hamilton Lab Solutions	Sanjay Purohit – Studio Archnovate Jay Bargmann – Jay Bargmann Consulting
SEFA 11	Liquid Chemical Storage Cabinets	Sascha Kunkel - asecos, GmbH Christian Fromm - SCAT Americas	Abbie Gregg- AM Technical Solutions Randy Kray - HOK
SEFA 12	Lab Grade Seating	Jim Connell - BioFit Eng. Products, Kai Schuler - BIMOS Div. of Interstuhl	Abbie Gregg- AM Technical Solutions Grace Chen – Ennead Architects
SEFA 13	Vertical Exhausting Laminar Flow (V-ELF)	Ken Dixon - Air Control Pete Daniele - L M Air Tech	Abbie Gregg- AM Technical Solutions Charlie Klee - Payette

	Lab Grade Flooring	Tom Ricciardelli - SelecTech Inc.	Diane Kase – SmithGroup Isabel Mandujano – DLR Group Sanjay Purohit – Studio Archnovate
	Lab Grade Washers	Joshua Camp - Miele, Inc. Kelly Williams - LABCONCO CORP.	Lloyd Fisk - RFD Punit Jain - CannonDesign Stuart Lewis - Flad
	SEFA International	Fabio Biffi - BICASA, Srl Sascha Kunkel - asecos, GmbH	Grace Chen – Ennead Architects Leslie Ashor - HOK



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Preliminary Agenda

Revised 1/26/2026



Exhibitor/Sponsor

Opportunities Available

Wednesday - November 11, 2025 —

- 8:00 AM - 11:00AM Board of Directors Meeting (Banyan)
- 11:30 AM - 1:10 PM Golf Tee Times -
- 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM Conference Registration (Garden Foyer)
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Welcome Reception (Corsair Lawn)

Thursday - November 12, 2025 —

- 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Breakfast (Garden Foyer)
- 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Welcome / Year in Review / Committee Reports
M. DiFonte, D. Sutton (Garden Room 1-2)
- 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM Interim Market Survey Panel Discussion (Garden Room 1-2)
- 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM 2025 SEFA Lab of the Year Finalists/Awards (Garden Room 1-2)
- 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch (Garden Foyer)
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Fume Hoods - *L. Savage, A. Sinnamon* (Garden Room 1-2)
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Work Surfaces - *R. Labelle, J. Plachko* (Veranda 1)
- 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Casework - *A. Sinnamon, R. Richards, B. Kelly, L. MacLeod* (Garden Room 1-2)
J. Lewis, W. Cathey, B. Bowden, W. Twist, K. Dixon, P. Daniele
- 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Lab Flooring - *T. Ricciardelli* (Veranda 1)
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Liquid Chemical Storage - *S. Kunkel, C. Fromm* (Garden Room 1-2)
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Fixtures - *S. Helle, M. Straughn* (Veranda 1)
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Installations - *D. Mertz, L. Ryan* (Veranda 2)
- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Exhausting Laminar Flow - *P Daniele, K Dixon* (Veranda 1)
- 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Dinner Cruise—Biscayne Lady Yacht -
Lifetime Achievement Awards Dinner

Friday - November 13, 2025 —

- 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Breakfast - (Garden Room 1-2)
- 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Annual Meeting - (Garden Room 1-2)
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Adaptable Casework - *B. DeLuca, Jr., S. Speicher* (Garden Room 1-2)
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Lab Grade Seating - *J. Connell, K. Schuler* (Veranda 1)
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Ductless Enclosures - *K. McGough, L. Savage* (Veranda 2)
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM SEFA International - *F. Biffi, S. Kunkel* (Garden Room 1-2)
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Lab Grade Washers - *J. Camp, K. Williams* (Veranda 1)
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Advisory Board - *L. Ashor, B. Richard* (Veranda 1)
- 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch (Garden Room 1-2)
- 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM Lab Tour - (Location to be Announced)

MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting Dress Code: Smart Business Casual

Disclaimer: At SEFA events, photographers and/or videographers will be present, and you are likely to be photographed and/or filmed while in attendance. Your entry and presence on the event premises constitutes your consent to be photographed, filmed, and to the release, publication, or reproduction of any and all recorded media of your appearance and voice for any purpose whatsoever in perpetuity in connection with SEFA and its initiatives, including, for example, use on our website and social media accounts.





SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE ASSOCIATION

Annual Conference & Trade Show - Nov. 11-13, 2026

JW Marriott Miami Turnberry - 19999 W Country Club Drive, Aventura, FL 33180

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - Monday, October 12, 2026

Complete and return this form along with registration fee to:

Scientific Equipment & Furniture Association — 1320 Main Street, Ste 300, Columbia, SC 29201

Or by Email - Barbara@sefalabs.com

COMPANY NAME: _____

1st Attendee: _____
Name and Company Title as it will appear on badge

Email: _____ **Cell Phone** _____

2nd Attendee: _____
Name and Company Title as it will appear on badge

Email: _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Spouse/Guest: _____
Name as it will appear on badge

Conference Registration Fees

1st SEFA Member Attendee	N/C
Additional Member Attendee Rate	\$ 795.00
Spouse/Guest (Reception and Dinner Cruise only)	\$ 195.00
Non-Member	\$1,350.00

Golf Outing 11/11/2026 \$ 385.00

Golfer's Name _____

Handicap _____

Lab Tour (to be announced) N/C

Name of Tour Attendee _____

Payment Summary:

Additional Attendees \$ _____

Spouse/Guest \$ _____

Golf \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

Special Dietary Preferences _____

Method of Payment

Check payable to SEFA enclosed Wire Transfer

AMEX Discover Mastercard VISA

Credit Card # _____

Name on Card _____

Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Billing Zip Code _____

**** HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE ****
OCTOBER 12, 2026

JW Marriott Miami Turnberry
19999 W Country Club Drive, Aventura, FL 33180

SEFA's Group Rate is \$289.00 + \$45.00 Resort fee.

Make your Hotel Reservations online through our Reservation Portal

Reservations can also be made by calling the hotel directly at 1.305.932.6200 and providing our Group Code: **SEFA**.

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