SOT | Society of Toxicology

In Service to Our Members, Community, and Toxicology

Ways to Engage with SOT

SOT members are vital to the Society's success, and we celebrate their accomplishments, leadership, and service. Over the years, SOT has developed and fostered programs to encourage participation in Society activities and the pursuit of toxicology. These include:

- Joining a Regional Chapter, Special Interest Group, or Specialty Section
- Becoming a leader by volunteering for an SOT Committee or Component Group Executive Committee
- Becoming a mentor or mentee with Mentor Match
- Attending a Regional Chapter meeting
- Taking a Continuing Education course through the new SOT Learning Library
- Utilizing SOT resources for career advancement, mentoring, and networking
- Applying for one of 575+ SOT awards and honors

Annual Meeting Highlights

The SOT Annual Meeting and ToxExpo serves as a hub for scientific learning and networking, while continuing to evolve to meet new needs and challenges. Some of the exciting new opportunities include:

- Engagement Sessions, designed to encourage attendance participation and discussion
- Frozen Fruit Bar Frenzy, a special time in the Exhibit Hall to interact and engage with exhibitors
- First-Timer Buddy System, where first-time member attendees partner with a longtime member for assistance and support
- NetworX Night, a new event where students and postdocs can meet representatives from more than 30 Component Groups to explore career pathways and more
- Career Advancement Breakfast, rebranded from the Mentoring Breakfast to better capture the purpose of the event

Strategic Plan Updates

SOT Council continues to address many aspects of the 2024–2027 Strategic Plan, which include some newer activities such as:

- A Hardship Relief fundraising campaign to support Annual Meeting attendance
- A campaign designed to honor outstanding individuals while growing the Education Mission Endowment Fund
- A Task Force examining how artificial intelligence can impact science communication
- A Task Force exploring ways to use the new SOT Learning Library to best fit the educational needs of SOT members
- Focused leadership meetings and resources to support the SOT Component Groups

The three objectives upon which SOT Council will focus in Year 3 are:

- Foster connectivity across scientific disciplines
- Develop a talent pool of toxicologists for the future
- Enhance member recognition and visibility at all levels

Some of the potential tactics to accomplish these objectives are:

- Surveying employers to determine what skills and experiences are most relevant for entry-level success
- Developing Scientific Sessions and online content that explore the interdisciplinary nature of toxicology
- Continuing engagement with other scientific societies to develop synergies that support our missions
- Promoting and highlighting, through Scientific Sessions and other media, cross-disciplinary successes
- Identifying ways to further highlight member accomplishments and successes