

Spring 2025 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Sustainable Chemistry Through Contemporary Toxicology Membership,

As I conclude my term as President of the Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology (SCCT) Specialty Section, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each member of our Executive Committee and broader membership. Your commitment and dedication to the science around sustainable chemistry and toxicology have made this past year one of progress and meaningful engagement.

Thanks to your efforts, we successfully endorsed and helped organize two well-received scientific sessions at the 2025 SOT Annual Meeting in Orlando (see report-outs on pages 6 and 7). These sessions highlighted the central role of toxicology in advancing sustainable chemical innovation and drew strong interest from across sectors. In addition, our SCCT luncheon was a standing-room-only event that sparked dynamic discussion (see a summary on page 9) and brought forth a wealth of ideas to shape our activities in the coming year—including promising directions for SOT 2026.

As we look to the future, we also recognize that 2025 is a year of transition. Evolving priorities and leadership within the U.S. federal government are likely to influence the policy landscape surrounding sustainable chemistry, green innovation, and the use of alternative toxicological methods. Our specialty section is well-positioned to contribute valuable scientific perspectives as regulatory and research agendas shift. I am confident that SCCT will continue to serve as a trusted forum for collaboration, dialogue, and leadership at the intersection of toxicology and sustainability.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving in this role. I look forward to supporting the incoming leadership and continuing to engage with SCCT's vital mission in the years ahead.

Warm regards,



Lauren Brown, DABT, MS
Outgoing President, SCCT Specialty Section

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UPCOMING WEBINAR

Recycled, But Safe? Tackling Contaminants in Sustainable Packaging for Cosmetics & Personal Care

Monday, June 2, 2025 at 10:30am-12pm EDT

Co-Sponsors: Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology (SCCT) Specialty Section and Dermal Toxicology Specialty Section (DTSS)

As the industry continues to embrace sustainability, concerns about contaminants in recycled packaging and their potential exposure risks are gaining attention. SCCT and DTSS are excited to bring you this timely webinar addressing potential contamination in recycled packaging for cosmetics and personal care products. Our expert panel, featuring Ramez Labib (Venebio Group), Gerald Renner (Cosmetics Europe), and Brandon Reid (Cradle to Cradle), will offer insights from across sectors. We will explore recent research, the current regulatory landscape and strategies for compliance, as well as future directions for this emerging topic. Presentations will be followed by a moderated panel discussion with live audience Q&A, so bring your questions! This session aims to engage toxicologists, regulatory experts, and industry professionals in a meaningful discussion. Don't miss this engaging conversation at the intersection of sustainability and product safety – register today!

SPEAKERS



Ramez Labib, PhD, MBA, DABT, ERT
Principal Toxicologist
Venebio Group, LLC



Gerald Renner, PhD
Director of Technical and Regulatory Affairs
Cosmetics Europe



Brandon Reid, MPH
Senior Manager, Material Health
Cradle to Cradle Products Innovation Institute

Click [HERE](#) to register!

Link also sent to SCCT membership via email.

SOT 2026 IN SAN DIEGO

Call for Session Proposals

As we all know, preparation for next year's meeting starts early! The SOT 2026 session proposal deadline is **Wednesday, May 15th, 2025**.

If you are preparing a session proposal for SCCT endorsement for SOT 2026, we encourage you to review [a list of SCCT-relevant topics](#) on our website. Please also refer to the [SOT session proposal guidelines](#) for more information. We look forward to your proposal!

CURRENT EVENTS

The Impacts of Recent Executive Actions on Sustainable Chemicals



By Monika Roy, PhD, MSPH
SCCT Councilor 2023-2025

Since the new presidential administration started in late January, numerous [executive actions](#) and strategies to reduce federal programming and work-force have been issued. These efforts have already dramatically impacted public health, toxicology science, and research in general, and the [Society of Toxicology has emphasized its concern](#). Priorities naturally shift with incoming administrations, but the dismantling of whole science-focused programs and offices in the last few months has not happened to this extent in past administrations. As a current executive branch [AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow](#) placed at the U.S. Department of Energy, I have witnessed this disruption firsthand, and beyond my general alarm about the future of the federal science enterprise, I am specifically alarmed about resulting impediments on sustainable chemistry efforts.

Before this fellowship, my PhD work focused on the human health impacts of emerging chemicals of concern like inadvertently generated polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS). Then, I spent two years as a postdoctoral researcher at the [Sustainable Chemistry Catalyst](#) focused on safer and more sustainable chemicals management policies, frameworks, and guidance, working towards solutions across academic, industry, non-profit, and government sectors. Over my time at the Catalyst, I heard over and over from industry members and others across different projects that there is a need for clear governmental guidance and support for sustainable chemistry solutions. Oftentimes, companies and organizations want to follow the science and offer safer products to their customers but rely on cues and policies from the government as

part of their decision-making – cues and policies that may no longer be present in the coming years.

Governmental bodies play a key role in setting priorities for chemicals management, passing legislation, conducting chemical assessments, administering research funding, and holding working groups to discuss implementation and ongoing issues. At the federal level, offices within the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have developed countless tools and programs for safer chemicals advancement like [Safer Choice](#), the [Safer Chemical Ingredients List](#), the [CompTox Chemicals Dashboard](#), and [funding opportunities to advance sustainable chemistry](#). The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences hosts a [Sustainable Chemistry Strategy Team](#) and a [Safe and Sustainable Alternatives Program](#). Other agencies such as the U.S. Department of Defense and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health have their own chemical alternatives assessment efforts. There is a broad network of expertise across the federal government working on chemical safety. Federal policies, programs, and tools are incredibly important in expanding our understanding of chemical exposures and in guiding how industries develop new products. Some of these programs have expanded how toxicological assessments are conducted through new approach methodologies (NAMs), cumulative risk assessments, and read-across methods, which have helped to reduce animal use in research, understand trade-offs in managing chemical uses and their functions in products, and aid in decision-making. Importantly, approaches like these improve product safety and sustainability and directly improve the health of

communities where these products are manufactured, used, and disposed of. Particularly for communities that shoulder higher chemical exposures, federal funding and initiatives in the sustainable chemistry space is important for addressing environmental injustices.

At a high level, the [Federal Sustainable Chemistry Strategic Plan](#) was released by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in December 2024, which was a years-long effort directed by the [Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act](#) passed during the first Trump Administration to define sustainable chemistry and create a strategy for federal coordination. While the interagency strategy team is authorized by Congress to meet through 2030, it is unclear how this administration's policies, particularly with office closures and layoffs, will affect the team's work, public engagement, and the

development and publication of the next report (required every 3 years by statute). It is also unclear how many of the sustainable chemistry related programs and tools mentioned above will be able to continue functioning.

Organizations and companies have developed their own tools over the years to aid in chemical, formulation, and product assessment, incorporating various safety and sustainability factors to consider. These approaches may become more important without clear federal guidance in the years to come, though perhaps they could benefit from former federal employees transitioning to other sectors. However, during this time in the [words of SOT](#), "We...risk falling behind in critical advancements that drive economic growth, improve quality of life, and ensure national security in an increasingly competitive world."

SOT 2025 REPORT-OUT

SCCT Co-Sponsored Event: Joint Mentoring Event



*By Janine Cubello, PhD
SCCT Postdoctoral Representative 2024-2025*

At the 2025 meeting this year in Orlando, we had the pleasure of partnering with the Molecular and Systems Biology, Occupational and Public Health, Mixtures, Exposure, Biotechnology, Risk Assessment, and Mechanisms Specialty Sections along with the Out Toxicologists and Allies Special Interest Group to host a mentoring event. This event was designed to allow trainees to explore the next steps of their career as they chatted first-hand with a diverse group of professionals in consulting, academia, biotech, non-profit, and pharma careers. We were thrilled to have some of our own SCCT members serve as mentors to advise trainees where a career in sustainability can take them. A mentor perspective from Lauren Brown, our 2024-2025 President, shed further light on this event's success:

"The event was set up well with a diverse group of attendees, allowing for various perspectives to be shared and learned not only between mentors and mentees, but between mentors as well. It was rewarding giving mentees insight on the career paths that utilize toxicology skillsets to support sustainability, including those that don't require a PhD. Overall, it was an event that increased everyone's professional network."

Lauren Brown, MS, DABT | SCCT President 2024-2025

R.E.P.O.R.T.S. MEMBER FEATURE

Mel Walker, CPA M.S. Graduate Student at Clemson University

We are debuting a new R.E.P.O.R.T.S.-style format for SCCT member features in the biannual newsletters! This format is meant to be a fun, conversational way to feature our wonderful SCCT members.

This spring, we are thrilled to feature our 100th SCCT member, Mel Walker! Mel worked as a financial controller on the business and operations side for 15+ years before recently making a career change, starting her M.S. degree in Environmental Toxicology in the Repro-Eco Tox Lab at Clemson University in Fall 2024. At SOT 2025, Mel presented her ongoing research project, which involves taking field samples from sharks for PFAS and mercury analysis, as a poster titled “Influence of Coastal Urbanization and Feeding Ecology on Bioaccumulation in Elasmobranchs.” Read on for more about Mel!

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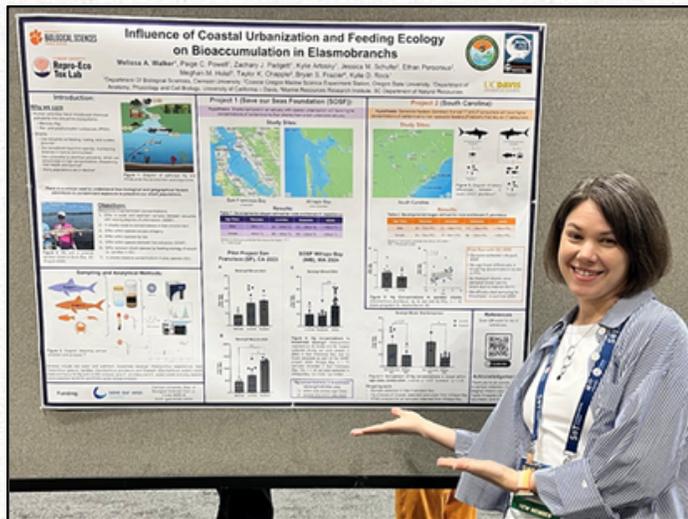
HOMETOWN: Greenville, SC
(Originally grew up in Remer, MN)

READING: Lately, most of my reading is for my Masters program in Environmental Toxicology, and primarily related to either microplastics quantification techniques or

PFAS testing protocols on shark blood and tissue samples. It is a far cry from my previous accounting- and finance-related career educational requirements, but has been a positive change overall, and I’m happy to currently be immersed in the amazing research that is happening within the scientific community.

EATING: I am a huge fan of the Mediterranean diet, but love to cook a wide variety of cuisines, and am also creating fermented foods to keep my immune and gut health in tip top shape. My go-to sources for recipes are “Food & Wine,” “Bon Appetit,” and “Epicurious.” “Fermented Vegetables” by Kirsten K. and Christopher Shockey is an excellent guide to fermentation and I highly recommend it.

PLAYING: The commute to Clemson is lengthy, so podcasts have helped me look forward to the journey. My favorite podcasts include NPR’s “Science Friday,” “Food, We Need to Talk,” “Radiolab,” and “This American Life,” to name a few. Otherwise, any “Chill” playlist I can get my hands on to help me concentrate on my studies and research is a must.



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OBSESSING OVER: I have a new dog named George and have been diving into the latest research on the best and worst dog food ingredients for his overall health and longevity. He is an amazing pup, and I of course only want the best for him so that he is thriving.

RECOMMENDING: Switching careers at this point in my life (and age) has been a joyous adventure, which will hopefully help inspire others to consider their own aspirations and take the leap, as it's never too late to start a new professional journey. My lab mates and cohorts keep me young and motivate me to continue along my current path. I have not regretted it and am enjoying the challenge and change of pace.

TREATING (Myself To): Taking time to get outside, exercise, look after my health and not feel guilty doing so has been my way of treating myself these days. It helps me maintain a positive frame of mind and boosts my immune system to prevent illness so I can maintain the energy I need to keep going during these busy school semesters. It's a lot of work, but with the right balance and self-care, I know I can accomplish my goals.

SHOUTING OUT: The Component Groups at SOT were so helpful at my very first SOT meeting. I loved hearing member feedback from the Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology (SCCT) Specialty Section and Women in Toxicology (WIT) Special Interest Group and learning about upcoming events I can look forward to throughout the year.

If you'd like to be featured in an upcoming newsletter, reach out to SCCT Councilor Shoba Iyer at shoba.iyer@sfgov.org for more information.

SOT 2025 REPORT-OUT

SCCT-Endorsed Session: Integrating New Approach Methodologies to Inform Sustainable Chemical Decisions



*By Lauren Brown, MS, DABT
SCCT President 2024-2025*

At the 2025 Society of Toxicology (SOT) Annual Meeting in Orlando, a forward-looking workshop explored how New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) are informing sustainable chemical decision-making. The session, endorsed by SCCT, was titled “Integrating New Approach Methodologies to Inform Sustainable Chemical Decisions,” brought together voices from

regulatory agencies, industry, and non-profit organizations to showcase how NAMs are increasingly being used to bridge data gaps and promote innovation in safer chemical design.

Chaired by Kristie Sullivan and myself, the session emphasized the need to generate high-quality, decision-ready data for novel

chemistries—particularly those with limited traditional toxicity data. With the rise of initiatives like California’s Safer Consumer Products program, the EU’s Safe and Sustainable by Design (SSbD) framework, and OECD’s Safe(r) and Sustainable Innovation Approaches (SSiA), the conversation around safer chemicals is increasingly intersecting with cutting-edge toxicology and sustainability science.

Irantzu Garmendia Aguirre (European Commission JRC) opened the session by introducing the SSbD framework, which integrates human and environmental safety with life cycle thinking, and strongly supports the use of NAMs during the early stages of chemical innovation. Steffi Friedrichs (AcumenIST) followed with an overview of several EU research consortia developing regulatory-ready solutions and harmonization efforts, showing how NAMs are at the core of safer materials development. Maria Baltazaar (Unilever) presented an industry case study highlighting how safety and sustainability were designed into a novel biosurfactant using non-animal testing frameworks and life cycle analysis. Chris Bartlett and Gabrielle Rigutto (Chem-FORWARD) concluded with an NGO perspective, showing how NAMs—especially read-across and *in silico* models—are

helping populate a centralized database of chemical hazard assessments used by companies across sectors to avoid regrettable substitutions.

A closing panel discussion delved into key challenges and opportunities, including regulatory acceptance of NAMs, sector-specific data needs, and strategies for scaling adoption. In addition, a discussion on the importance of terminology was brought up in the question and answer session, pointing to differences in how organizations may define terms including “NAMs” and “absolute safety”. Further, the concept of multi-disciplinary approaches to the questions at hand in each presentation was stressed. The session underscored that NAMs are not just tools for animal test replacement—they are foundational to achieving safe and sustainable innovation across the global chemical landscape.

Authors Note: Due to U.S. government travel restrictions in place at the time of the meeting, a scheduled speaker from the U.S. EPA’s Safer Choice program was unable to attend. Her planned remarks and insights on the program’s use of NAMs in regulatory evaluations were acknowledged during the session, and her absence was sincerely felt.

SOT 2025 REPORT-OUT

SCCT-Endorsed Session: Science and Practice of Characterizing Population Variability for Regulatory Decision-Making



By Kel DeShong, PhD, DABT
SCCT Councilor 2024-2026

In the SOT 2025 session "Science and Practice of Characterizing Population Variability for Regulatory Decision-Making," speakers organized around the central topic of variability in toxicity responses in human populations. The central question at the crux of the discussion was whether the

default intraspecies uncertainty factor (UF) of 10 can be replaced with a better-informed approach based on data.

Weihshueh Chiu, PhD (Texas A&M) first gave an overview of the traditional approaches to addressing human variability, which

includes the aforementioned default intraspecies uncertainty factor, as well as methods to identify potentially exposed and susceptible subpopulations (PESS) such as epidemiological studies or developmental toxicity studies in animals. However, epidemiological studies may be limited in power to detect PESS, and traditional animal and *in vitro* methods utilize homogenous strains or cell lines that cannot capture potential human variability. Dr. Chiu highlighted a proof-of-principle study in which toxicokinetic modeling for trichloroethylene in several strains of mouse, collectively, appeared to mimic human toxicokinetic variability. To better integrate NAM data into toxicity values, Dr. Chiu also proposed that chemical-specific interspecies UFs would be applied to internal doses (obtained from *in vitro* data) as opposed to external doses (the traditional method).

The next three talks showcased current research into methodology to recapitulate human population variability in a variety of intriguing ways. Session co-chair Chris Vulpe, MD, PhD (University of Florida) described "synthetic populations" as novel NAMs, wherein heterogeneous samples of human cells are created with representative genetic variants using CRISPR, then tested to determine variability of response to a given toxicant. Genetic variants that drive susceptibility or resistance to the toxicant are identified by single-cell phenotyping.

Lauren Richardson, PhD (University of Texas Medical Branch) presented research developing complex organs-on-a-chip (OOCs) to study *in utero* exposures and model early life susceptibility *in vitro*. The OOCs developed include those modeling trimester-specific placentas, the lower female genital-maternal uterine tract, and the fetal blood-brain barrier. Each OOC is a complex model involving engineering multiple cell types and chambers together and validation against human and non-human primate data. These OOCs may address human population variability in

that they are constructed of donated primary human cells. Availability of these less commonly collected and cultured cell types is a barrier to high-throughput use of these OOCs at this time.

Joshua Harrill, PhD (US EPA Center for Computational Toxicology and Exposure) presented remotely on a method of modeling physiological stress *in vitro* using live cell painting. Cell lines are first engineered to express fluorescent fusion proteins and visualize cellular structures such as the nucleus, microtubules, and cytoskeleton. Then the activation of the glucocorticoid receptor (GR) and subsequent translocation to the nucleus, which precedes cortisol production, is measured as a marker of physiological stress in the presence of the toxicant of interest. This method is proposed as a screening assay to identify chemicals where biological effects may be more severe in chronically stressed individuals.

Session chair Ivan Rusyn, MD, PhD (Texas A&M) rounded out the talks with examples of approaches that may be used in regulatory decision-making. One such example addressed a novel method to identify genetic variants that drive susceptibility or resistance in human populations. Rather than attempting a genome-wide association study (GWAS) in humans, which would require thousands of subjects, instead several strains of mice were exposed to acetaminophen and GWAS was utilized to identify genetic variants associated with subclinical liver toxicity. Subsequent human studies were then targeted toward these variants. Ultimately, Dr. Rusyn argued that population diversity can indeed be modeled with NAMs, and that ongoing conversation with colleagues in the regulatory space will be needed to integrate these methods into common practice.

The engaging Q&A session that followed the talks showed the interest of the audience and timeliness of the session. A recurring theme in the discussion was whether the

goal of risk management for heterogeneous human populations is to protect all individuals or the majority of individuals. Another question posed was whether specific genetic variants responsible for toxicodynamic variability need to be identified, or whether the range of variability was sufficient for toxicity value derivation. Also highlighted was the difficulty in conducting very large studies to address variability, a prerequisite to

validate more high-throughput approaches.

Overall, this engaging and well-organized session brought together speakers in the niche space of modeling population variability with NAMs, a practice that may become more commonplace as the toxicology community moves away from default assumptions like uncertainty factors and toward more refined approaches.

SOT 2025 REPORT-OUT

SCCT Annual Luncheon Discussion

We would like to thank everyone who attended the SCCT Luncheon & Reception at SOT 2025! On the agenda was a discussion of potential ideas for the SCCT Executive Committee (EC) to develop for future webinars, sessions, or other applications. As always, our members had lots of great topics to share.

If you would like to add to the below ideas or volunteer to help with a future event, please reach out to SCCT Councilor Kel DeShong at kdeshong@srcinc.com. We'd love to hear from you!

- Safe & Sustainable by Design (SSbD) framework for grad students & postdocs and how to leverage in their research. More basic as an overview/intro to those not familiar.
- AI in systematic review session to build on top of the session "Is It Time to Right-Size Systematic Review?" from SOT 2025.
- How to build *in vitro* systems & how to build them with AI.
- Green chemistry as it relates to pharmaceutical sciences.
- CE course for green chemistry.
- [ITRC Green and Sustainable Chemistry team](#) forming now. Goal of developing a report that compiles green chemistry resources and provides a framework for environmental professionals. Draft report possibly good timing for a session at SOT 2026.
- Tiny Tox Talk highlighting SCCT as a newer specialty section and what sustainable chemicals & alternatives assessments are.
- Alternatives case studies e.g., cacao lignans as a packaging alternative to PFAS.
- What does sustainable chemistry look like in different career paths? Aimed at grad students & postdocs. **Editor's note:** See the recording of [our Fall 2024 career webinar](#) about this topic!
- Launch a discussion board or some way for members to share upcoming events like CE courses and webinars. **Editor's note:** We always welcome content about upcoming events to share on [our LinkedIn page](#). Send us a direct message on LinkedIn to reach out!

2025 AWARD WINNERS

Best Abstract Postdoctoral Scholar Award



Lucie Ford, PhD

“An Analytical-*In Vitro* Workflow to Characterize Uptake and Toxicity of Defined PFAS Mixtures”

L.C. Ford, J.N. Dodds, H. Lin, W.A. Chiu, E.M. Baker, and I. Rusyn

Lucie's work utilizes a novel approach to evaluate the toxicity and accumulation of PFAS to better inform human health risk assessment. The approach involves LC-IMS-MS to measure PFAS concentrations in cell culture media and cells. Human kidney cells were exposed to PFAS chemicals and mixtures mimicking real-world exposures, and results demonstrated PFAS quantification across samples, cytotoxicity, and identified PODs for many PFAS. Differences in PFAS accumulation and toxicity across cell lines and exposure scenarios were shown as well. This research offers an framework for testing PFAS mixtures, prioritizing PFAS for further study, and supports efforts to predict effects of data-poor PFAS and assess cumulative exposure risks from mixtures.



Lauren Brown (SCCT President, 2024-2025) and Lucie at the SOT 2025 SCCT Luncheon

Best Abstract Graduate Student Award



Kaylyn Dinh, BS

“Montmorillonite Clay-Based Sorbents Reduce PFOA and PFOS in Milk”

K. Dinh, M. Wang, T.D. Phillips, and N. Johnson

Kaylyn's work to reduce PFAS in breastmilk explores the application of clay-based sorbents like calcium montmorillonite (CM), which have a high binding affinity for PFAS in other matrices and are safe for human and animal consumption. Preliminary experiments using bovine milk spiked with PFOA and PFOS demonstrated that CM reduced PFAS levels without compromising nutritional quality, whereas traditional filtration methods and activated carbon were less effective and impacted nutrient levels. These findings establish a proof-of-concept for a method to mitigate PFAS contamination in milk. Future research will expand this work to human breastmilk and different classes of PFAS.



Lauren and Kaylyn at the SOT 2025 SCCT Luncheon

SETAC HIGHLIGHTS

Advancing Safer Chemistry: Highlights from the SETAC-A4 Special Session on Alternatives Assessment



*By Colleen McLoughlin, PhD, DABT, ERT
SCCT Secretary/Treasurer 2024-2026*

The SETAC North America 45th Annual Meeting featured a dynamic session by the SETAC-A4 Interest Group (A4-IG) on alternatives assessment (AA). Chaired by Dr. Lauren G. Heine (retired), Margaret H. Whittaker of ToxServices LLC, and myself, Colleen E. McLoughlin of Enhesa, the session covered advancements in AA methodologies, key policy applications, and emerging challenges.

- The Evolution of Alternatives Assessment: Lauren Heine, A4-IG Chair, presented "Alternatives Assessment 101," detailing the field's origins, evolution, and future prospects.
- Tackling Emerging Issues: Nanomaterials: Molly Jacobs from the University of Massachusetts Lowell discussed "Nanomaterials: Methods and Practice Needs to Get Ahead of Potential Regrettable Substitutes."
- Integrating Environmental Justice: Jen Jackson (on behalf of Xiaoying Zhou) of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control presented "Addressing Environmental Justice Considerations in Alternatives Assessment."
- Linking AA & Safe and Sustainable by Design: Colleen McLoughlin explored "Connecting Alternatives Assessment and 'Safe and Sustainable by Design.'"
- Certification Standards: Benefits and Challenges: Margaret H. Whittaker shared insights in "Using Product Certification Standards: Benefits and Challenges for the Assessment of Hazard, Social Impacts, and Sustainability."
- The Role of Policy in Alternatives Assessment: Catherine A. Rudisill of Safer Chemistry Advisory LLC presented "Alternatives Assessment in Regulatory Policy: Current Landscape and Lessons Learned."

The session highlighted new methodologies for nanomaterials, insights into regulatory frameworks, and the integration of environmental justice into AA. It emphasized the need for interdisciplinary collaboration and innovative tools to address evolving challenges. The SETAC-A4 Interest Group continues to unite professionals to advance alternatives assessment and drive innovation in sustainable chemical practices.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Call for Volunteers & Feedback

We would love to increase membership involvement in SCCT efforts. And volunteering is a great way to build your CV, gain leadership experience, and network! To be added to the 2025 volunteer list, please fill out [this survey](#).

Second, we saw our membership decrease slightly in 2024. We would like to see SCCT grow instead! If you have feedback on what the SCCT Executive Committee can do to increase the value of SCCT membership, please let us know in this brief (3 questions) anonymous survey [here](#).

2025-2026 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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***A special welcome to our incoming officers,
Jennifer, Shoba, Opeyemi, and Milica!***

OUTGOING OFFICERS

With every spring comes new beginnings as we welcome our incoming officers – as well as a chance to say thank you to those rotating off! Britt served in the Presidential chain for 4 years, lending her extensive leadership expertise to shape our newly formed specialty section. As Councilor, Monika led webinar and newsletter efforts, launched our popular LinkedIn page, and provided invaluable mentorship to others on the EC. Janine consistently showed initiative in all aspects of the Postdoc Representative role, co-developing our Fall 2024 career webinar and organizing SCCT co-sponsorship for a joint mentoring event at SOT 2025.



Brittany Baisch,
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Monika Roy, PhD,
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Janine Cubello,
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*Lauren Brown (right)
presenting a plaque to Britt
Baisch in recognition of her
4 years of service to SCCT.*

***Thank you, Britt, Monika, and Janine!
You will be missed!***

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