

Association for Communication Administrators

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The **Association for Communication Administrators (ACA) Interest Group** invites submissions for competitive paper selection, paper panels, and roundtable panels for the SSCA 2027 Conference to be held in Mobile, Alabama. We especially welcome submissions that address the convention theme, “Curiosity.”

The ACA welcomes submissions addressing issues related to those interested in or working in administrative roles. Some areas of interest could include, but are not limited to: public/private partnerships with industry, accelerated degree programs, departmental messaging to various publics, fundraising, and motivating others to consider administrative careers. The ACA also welcomes submissions that could be co-sponsored with other divisions or interest groups. Submissions will be accepted in the following formats.

Competitive Paper Submissions: All competitive paper submissions must be electronically submitted to the SSCA convention site at <https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member>. Submitters should be sure to select the “Competitive Paper” submission type when prompted. For the paper to be assigned for review, please follow instructions on the convention site. For the purposes of anonymous review, please omit all author-identifying information from the manuscript. All papers submitted will be considered for the Interest Group’s Top Paper Award. For student papers, indicate “STUDENT” on the first page of the manuscript, and indicate “Student Paper” during the submission process. The Division’s Top Student Paper will be submitted for consideration for the SSCA Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

Paper Panel or Roundtable Submissions: Paper panels and roundtables are submitted through the same process as competitive papers. Submitters should be sure to select the “Paper Panel or Roundtable” submission type when prompted. The submitter will be able to add other panelists as “authors” after the initial submission. Upload a copy of the panel, listing the description/rationale, panelists, and, if appropriate, panelists’ individual topics; upload this at the “Upload Paper” prompt.

Submissions must be submitted online no later than 11:59 p.m. PST on **Tuesday, September 15, 2026**. Go to the submission site by going to the conference website (<http://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member>) and clicking the submission link. First-time visitors to the site will need to create an account. Return visitors will need to make sure to use the same email address that they used to establish the account. To avoid technical problems, early submission is strongly advised. Any submission not meeting the above requirements will not be accepted for review. If you have additional questions, please contact the Interest Group Vice-Chair and Planner **Cole Franklin at wfranklin@lsua.edu**.