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Submission Instructions

Access the SEA MeetingSavvy Submissions Portal

1. Click the **Submit a Paper/Session Proposal** button at the SEA Call for Papers and Session Proposal page. Or visit the **SEA MeetingSavvy Submissions Portal**.
2. Enter your preferred email address. If you are a current member or have participated in the last three Meetings of the SEA, you will be prompted to reset your password to login to your account. Individuals entering a new address will be prompted to create an account.

Submit a Paper

1. Upon login, visit the e-Store and click the **Other Items** tab to pay the corresponding nonrefundable **2026 Conference Submission Fee** ($35.00) by selecting the **Add to Cart** button next to the item.
2. Click the **Checkout** button on the right-side of the screen and follow the steps to complete payment.
3. After submitting payment, click the **Submit a Paper or Session** tab on the left-side menu.
4. To submit a paper, click the **+Add New** button under the **Papers** section.
5. Enter the **Paper Title**, two **JEL Classification Codes**, and the **Abstract**.
   - **[Optional]** Upload a PDF file of the abstract or paper.
6. Click the **Next** button.
7. To add author(s), click the **Add Author** button. To add yourself as an author, click the **Use Me!** button. Use the search bar to add other coauthors from the database. If you cannot locate the individual, click the **Enter a Totally New Person** button, complete the corresponding fields, and click the **Add** button. You may drag and drop the coauthors to the desired order.
8. Select which of the coauthors is the **Paper Presenter/Contact Author** of the submission from the dropdown menu.
9. Click the **Next** button and review the submission details. If the information is correct, click the **Finished** button.

After you have submitted a paper, you will receive a message confirming your submission at the email address associated with the account. You will also be able to modify/withdraw your submission(s) from your **Account Home** page at any time.

You should not expect to have more than two individual paper submissions accepted or to have an active program role (paper presenter, discussant, moderator, panelist) in more than three sessions on the conference program.

Submit an Organized Session

1. To submit an organized session, click the **+Add New** button under the **Organized Sessions** section.
2. Enter the session **Title** and **Description.** Under **Organized Session by** field, please select **General**.
3. Enter the **Session Format** and a **Keyword**. Keywords correspond to the **JEL Classification Codes**.
4. Click the **Next** button.
5. All session proposals must specify an **Organizer(s)** and **Chair(s)** by clicking the **Add** button in the corresponding section.

Panel Session Instructions

If the organized session is a **Panel** (i.e. participants will not present research papers), follow these steps:

1. Add **Panelists** by clicking the **Add** button in the corresponding section.
   All sessions must be composed of at least four unique panelists.
2. Click the **Next** button and review the submission details. If the information is correct, click the **Finished** button.

After you have submitted a session, you will receive a message confirming your submission at the email address associated with the account. You will also be able to modify/withdraw your submission(s) from your **Account Home** page at any time.

Paper Presentations Session Instructions

If the organized session is composed of **Paper Presentations** (i.e. participants will present research papers), follow these steps:

1. After adding the **Organizer(s)** and **Chair(s)**, click the **Next** button. **Do Not Add Panelists on this page**.
   - **[Optional]** Before clicking the **Next** button, add Discussants by clicking the **Add** button in the corresponding section.
2. On the Summary page, scroll down and click the **Add New Presentations/Presenters** button.
   - **[Optional]** To add Discussants, go back to the previous and click the **Add** button in the corresponding section.
3. Follow **Steps 4-8** from the **Submit a Paper** instructions on the previous page for each presentation.
   NOTE: All sessions must be composed of at least four unique presenters, or three presenters and three [different] discussants.
3. After all papers are entered, review the submission details. If the information is correct, click the **Finished** button.

After you have submitted a session, you will receive a message confirming your submission at the email address associated with the account. You will also be able to modify/withdraw your submission(s) from your **Account Home** page at any time.