



# 2026 Leadership Round Table

*Agenda, Session Descriptions and Learning Objectives*

**Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 7-9 p.m. (ET)**

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## **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**7:00 p.m.**

Sue Riney, 2025-2026 SIA President  
Michelle Burnett, SIA Executive Director/CEO

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## **Keynote: Coming Soon!**

**7:10 p.m.**

Stay tuned for a special keynote announcement!

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## **Member and Leader Code of Conduct Process**

**7:40 p.m.**

Peggy Gentile Van Meter, 2025-2026 SIA Board of Directors

Gain a deeper understanding of the framework guiding the Member and Leader Code of Conduct and the important role leaders play in upholding it. Participants will also receive reminders about the process and deadline for signing the Code (August 31, 2026).

By the end of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Understand their role as leaders in the Code process, especially regarding documentation, enforcement, and signing.
- Support the signing process and understand how and why to encourage members in their region to sign.

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## **The Secretary Role: The Backbone of SIA's Clubs and Regions**

**8:00 p.m.**

Catherine Dorn, 2024-2026 Northwestern Region Secretary

Often called the *backbone of the club and region*, the secretary plays a critical role in keeping an organization organized, compliant, and connected. This session brings the role to life by sharing how an effective secretary transforms meetings into records, decisions into action, and information into institutional memory. Attendees will explore how strong administrative leadership enhances transparency, continuity, and overall effectiveness at both the club and region levels.

By the end of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Clearly articulate the core responsibilities and strategic importance of the club/region secretary.
- Apply best practices for meeting management, recordkeeping, and official correspondence.
- Understand how the secretary supports governance, continuity, and effective decision-making.
- Identify tools and habits that help Secretaries work efficiently and confidently in their role.

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### **Beyond the Books: The Treasurer’s Role in Building Strong Clubs and Regions**

**8:20 p.m.**

Judi Sanderlin, 2024-2026 Sierra Pacific Region Governor

Strong financial stewardship is key to advancing Soroptimist’s mission. This session offers a clear, practical overview of the roles and responsibilities of club and region treasurers, while helping members understand financial oversight at every level. Designed for current and future treasurers, board members, and engaged club leaders, it covers fiduciary duties, budgeting, reporting, and internal controls. Participants will gain insight into how transparent financial practices build trust, strengthen accountability, and support lasting mission impact.

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Describe the key duties of club and region treasurers, including financial recordkeeping, reporting, auditing, reconciliation, insurance and compliance with regulations, bylaws, and policies.
- Explain the fiduciary role of treasurers and boards, and how internal controls and financial transparency protect the organization and its members, as well as understand which financial reports are essential and what questions informed members should ask.
- Recognize how budgets are developed, approved, and monitored—and how members contribute to responsible financial decision-making.
- Identify best practices that foster trust, sustainability, and mission alignment through sound financial management.

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### **Strengthening Clubs and Regions through Member Engagement**

**8:40 p.m.**

Karen Marshall, 2024-2026 Northwestern Region Public Awareness Chair

Member engagement is crucial for leaders at all levels to understand members' needs. This engaging session explores why member engagement matters and best practices to solicit and understand feedback.

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Explain why it’s crucial to engage members as regions and clubs consider making changes.
- Understand best practices for engaging and understanding member feedback.

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### **Closing Remarks**

**8:55 p.m.**

Sue Riney, 2025-2026 SIA President