The Year Ahead

SEAOC's priorities for October 2026 through September 2027.

SEAOC sets its priorities each program year. This year's plan comes down to one idea: **the value of belonging to SEAOC should be something you can point to.** Some of this you will see directly, some you will feel through a stronger voice for the profession, and some is the long work of becoming one organization.

> **Looking back?** The 2025–26 Annual Report covers what SEAOC accomplished last year, and is posted at seaoc.org.

MEMBER VALUE

Three things you should notice this year

Your PDH record, kept for you

Certificates issued automatically after each session and a running transcript in your account, extended to MO programming as each Member Organization joins the shared system.

A growing library of recordings

Selected recordings gathered in one place, with new sessions added after they air rather than disappearing when the event ends.

A real welcome for new members

Too many members do not know about benefits already theirs. New members get a proper introduction to what membership includes.

ADVOCACY

A stronger voice

We are developing standing SEAOC positions on the issues that keep returning, including hospital seismic safety, construction defects, and significant structures, so that we are ready when a bill appears rather than reacting to it. Adopted positions will be published so you can see where SEAOC stands, and we continue to sit where building safety policy gets set, with ACEC, ICC, BPELSG, HCAI, and DSA.

TECHNICAL PRACTICE

Resources and access

The Board takes up the future of the Structural/Seismic Design Manual this year, including formats and partnerships that could extend its reach, along with whether the Blue Book should be updated. On education the work is access: firm-level pricing so smaller offices can take part without registering one engineer at a time, and conversations with the MOs on how state and local programming fit together.

THE NEXT GENERATION

Who comes next

We are piloting a first-year membership offer for newly licensed PEs and SEs, reaching engineers at the moment they decide what professional home to build. Student members have historically disappeared at graduation because we had no way to catch them, and the new system lets us prompt that transition. The 2027 Convention in Monterey is a chance to bring students from across the state into the room.

THE MODERNIZATION

Becoming one SEAOC

This year brings the decisions that give the modernization its shape: the revenue model, and a recommended governance structure for a single organization, expected by April 2027. Members have been clear about what they value most in their Member Organization: the local events, the programming, and the relationships built there. Those stay local. What we are consolidating is the administrative weight four separate organizations have each carried alone. That also opens something we have not had before: the chance to rethink how members enter and move through the profession, and how the association is governed, rather than carrying forward structures built for five separate organizations.

> **The reason to do this is not cost savings. It is that structural engineers speak with more authority as one organization than as five, and that every member should have the same standing in SEAOC wherever they practice.**

Tell us what you think

Updates run in the newsletter and the member input form stays open, and what members raise goes directly to the workgroups making the decisions.

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