



2026 AOM Waiver Guide

This guide is designed to help Academy of Management (AOM) staff understand the AOM Waiver Program and may be shared with waiver recipients as needed. Please contact registration@aom.org with any questions.

What is an AOM Waiver?

An AOM Waiver provides one (1) complimentary Annual Meeting registration—either in-person or on-demand—to individuals who would otherwise not attend, such as invited guests, contributors, or distinguished visitors. Waivers may be used for all session types associated with the Annual Meeting. Please note that membership benefits, as well as registrations for Fee-Based Sessions (e.g., Networking Guest Passes and social events), are not included.

Eligibility applies to guests affiliated with Publications, Governance (including Affiliated and Associated Societies), Marketing, and Career Services. AOM administers the waiver program, including final approval of all waiver requests.

Waivers are not available for AOM members and may not be used as an award for AOM members. Adherence to Academy-wide policy is mandatory: All members attending the Annual Meeting, including the Executive Committee, Board of Governors, and volunteers contributing to the Annual Meeting, are required to pay registration fees.

Who may recommend the waiver?

Only AOM staff may recommend individuals to receive an AOM Waiver.

How do I recommend a candidate?

Once an AOM staff member selects a candidate, they must formally provide a written statement (an email confirmation is fine) to the individual regarding their recommendation. The candidate must then submit the [2026 Registration Request Form \(AOM Waiver\)](#) and upload a copy of the statement/email as proof of referral before the deadline. Waiver submissions will *not* be accepted via email and cannot be entered into AOM's online registration system.

When is the submission deadline?

A candidate must submit their [2026 Registration Request Form \(AOM Waiver\)](#) by **1 July 2026 17:00 ET (UTC-4/GMT-4)**. We highly recommend submitting the form as soon as possible to avoid rejection.



What happens after my candidate submits their form?

Once a candidate submits their form and their information is verified, they will receive an email from registration@aom.org within 3-5 business days confirming AOM has registered them on their behalf.

How many AOM Waivers are available?

AOM Waiver requests have a shared pool and requests are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. To help manage availability, I'd recommend limiting requests to around 10-15 waivers per team, not including Affiliated and Associated Societies. Submission of a request does not guarantee approval.

My candidate has already registered; can they be refunded?

Yes. If a candidate has already registered, they must email registration@aom.org after submitting the request form to request a refund. AOM will contact the registrant with confirmation of their refund and substitution of waived payment.