



## 2026 DIG Waiver Guide

*This guide is designed to help your Division and Interest Group (DIG) understand the Academy of Management's (AOM) DIG Waiver Program and can be shared with your waiver recipients as needed. Please contact [registration@aom.org](mailto:registration@aom.org) with any questions.*

### **What is a DIG Waiver?**

A DIG 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.

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 DIG officers (such as a Chair, Program Chair, etc.) may recommend individuals to receive a waiver.

### **How do I recommend a candidate?**

Once a DIG officer selects a candidate, they must formally provide a written statement (an email confirmation is fine) to them regarding their recommendation. The candidate must then submit the [2026 Registration Request Form \(DIG Waiver\)](#) and upload a copy of their 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 \(DIG Waiver\)](#) 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](mailto:registration@aom.org) within 3-5 business days confirming AOM has registered them on their behalf.



**How many waivers does my DIG have to grant?**

As of 2024, there is no longer a fixed number of waivers designated to each DIG. AOM instead processes waiver requests on a first-come, first-served basis. We highly recommend DIGs identify their candidates early, as approval is not guaranteed. For instance, a DIG officer may recommend 15 candidates, however, only 10 may be approved depending on their request submission date.

**My candidate has already registered; can they be refunded?**

Yes. If a candidate has already registered, they must email [registration@aom.org](mailto: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.