



Welcome to the 2026 SCAAE Annual Conference

Change is in the Air: Generative AI and Real-World Examples





South Carolina Association of Accounting Educators

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February 20 – 21, 2026

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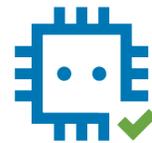
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*SCAAE Annual Conference
February 20 -21, 2026
Conference Program
College of Charleston*

Friday, February 20, 2026 - 6.0 Hours of CPE Available

12:20 – 12:50	Sponsor Set -Up
12:50 – 1:20	Conference Registration Mingle with Sponsors and Colleagues
1:20 -1:30	Welcome
1:30 – 2:00	Responsible AI Adoption in Higher Education: Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities McGraw Hill – Gold Sponsor Chris Holder, Senior Enterprise Account Manager Kelly Gault, Senior Learning Technology Representative
2:00 – 3:00	Update for Educators Chris Jenkins, CAE, CISSP, MCSE, CEO – SCACPA
3:00 – 3:15	Break with our Sponsors
3:15 – 4:05	AI Panel Aidan O’Keefe – Gnosis Freight Mike Dombrowski – Gnosis Freight Jennifer Robinson – Trident Technical College Zoe Davis – Davis and Company
4:10 – 4:50	Accounting in Transition Ben Cartwright, Wofford College
4:50 – 5:00	Break
5:00 -5:30	Changing Tides, Trusted Partner: Strengthening the CPA Pipeline with Becker Becker – Gold Sponsor Carson Crosby, Sr., Regional Manager, East
5:30 – 6:30	Keynote: Strategic Teaching in a Changed Cognitive Landscape Cindy Bolt, The Citadel
6:30 – 7:30	Dinner Served
7:00 –7:30	Real World Projects Dan Williams, CPA – University of South Carolina
7:30 – 8:00	Business Meeting

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Saturday, February 21, 2026 – 4.0 hours of CPE Available

8:00 – 8:30	Morning Registration / Networking/ Breakfast
8:30 – 9:00	Teaching GenAI Mary Gibson, DBA – Erskine College
9:05 – 9:35	Recruiting Panel Paris Lane – Greer Walker Taylor Phillips – Draffin Tucker Sarah Carulli – Forvis Mazars
9:40 – 10:10	System Understanding Aid Tanya, Greenlee, CPA – Converse University
10:10 – 10:30	Mid-Morning Break and Networking with Sponsors and Colleagues
10:30 – 11:00	Auditor Use of GenAI Josette Pelzer, PhD, CPA – College of Charleston
11:05 – 11:45	AI: The view from BLAW Roxane DeLaurell, JD, LLM, PhD – College of Charleston
11:45 – 11:55	Afternoon Break
11:55 – 12:35	Teaching Accounting in the Age of AI Susan Wright, PhD, CPA, CMA – The Citadel
12:35 – 12:40	Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjourned
12:40 – 1:00	Sponsor Breakdown

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Keynote Speaker: Cynthia Bolt, The Citadel

Cynthia E. Bolt (Cindy) is a Professor of Accounting at The Citadel with a 30-plus-year career in higher education. Her classroom experience began in Charleston shortly after completing her undergraduate degree, when she reached out to TTC to offer substitute teaching during the slow season. Instead, she was handed a textbook and told, "Good luck."

During her MTax program, one of Cindy's most influential experiences was a doctoral-level course, *Principles of College Teaching*, in the School of Education. That introduction to academic research sparked a lasting interest in student learning and evidence-based instructional strategies. After gaining experience at both Deloitte and EY, Cindy transitioned to a full-time academic position at The Citadel.

Cindy's scholarly work focuses on accounting education, legal tax research, ethics and academic research relevant to professional practice. For 13 years, she authored the *Highlights of Accounting Research* in the *Journal of Accountancy*, collaborating with experts across the US to translate academic research into guidance for practitioners.

Her work with the American Accounting Association's task force on the Impact of Research on Practice resulted in a publication that received the *Accounting Horizons* Best Paper Award. Cindy has also received two best paper awards from the AAA's Teaching, Learning & Curriculum Section, as well as an article of the year award from *The Tax Adviser*.

In the area of service, Cindy served for 13 years on the AAA's Conference on Teaching and Learning in Accounting committee, including 2 years as chair. This experience significantly influenced her teaching and research. Most recently, Cindy served as Chair of the Department of Accounting and Finance. The most meaningful part of Cindy's career remains in the classroom. She has been honored five times by her students as Professor of the Year, both in-person and online. In 2025, she received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Baker School of Business.

Cindy has served as a keynote speaker for the Louisiana and the Arkansas Accounting Educator Associations and looks forward to sharing her experiences with SCAAE.

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Business Meeting Agenda
February 20, 2026, 7:30 pm*

- I. Call to Order
 - II. Approval of Agenda
 - III. Approval of the Minutes of 2025 Annual Business Meeting
 - IV. Treasurer's Report – Kris
 - Financial Report
 - Education Fund Scholarship
 - Discussion on Minimum Fund Balance Requirements
 - V. Current Executive Committee:
 - Joe Onyeocha (Y2) (SC State University)
 - Kris Ellison (Y3) (USC) – Treasurer *
 - Elizabeth Cole (Y2) (USC-Upstate)
 - Angela Stallings (Y1) (USC) - President
 - Cameron Vaughn (Y1) (Spartanburg Community College) - Secretary
 - Scott Dell (Y3) (Ferris State University) *
 - Tara Saracina, (Y3) (Claflin University) *
 - Robert Hogan, (Y3) (College of Charleston) *
- *Term Expiring
- VI. Call for Nominations/Volunteers for the Executive Committee
 - VII. New Business:
 - Annual Conference Locations
 - i. Volunteers for 2027 and 2028 Conference
 - Other New Business
 - VIII. Adjournment

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Annual Business Meeting Minutes
USC-Upstate
February 22, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

Approval of the Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda by Robert Hogan, College of Charleston– seconded by Scott Dell, Ferris State – So moved.

Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting March 3, 2023 – Motion to approve the minutes by Tara Saracina, Claflin – seconded by Angela Stallings, USC - So moved.

Treasurer’s Report

Kris Ellison gave the Treasurer’s Report, including a financial report. A motion was made to increase the Scholarship donation to \$2000 for the year.

Executive Committee

The current Executive Committee was reviewed.

Call for Nominations/Volunteers for the Executive Committee

The floor was opened for nominations and volunteers for the Executive Committee.

Two members were set to roll off of the board. Angela Stallings and Angela Ramsey

Angela Stallings volunteered to remain on the board. Robert Hogan – seconded -So moved

Cameron Vaughn volunteered to serve on the board. – Seconded by Angela Stallings - So moved.

New Business

- **Annual Conference Locations:**

The floor was opened for discussion regarding future annual conference locations.

- Robert Hogan reported that the College of Charleston in conjunction with The Citadel would be willing to host the 2026 conference.
- Erskine expressed interest in hosting in 2027.
- Kris asked everyone to think about hosting in the future.

The Conference and Sponsors pages have links to register as well as payment links.

- **Other New Business:**

Cameron Vaughn asked how we market the conference as a lot of people and even possible Sponsors do not know about the Conference.

Kris explained that we relied on the Website and LinkedIn. We have a list; however, it constantly changes and it is hard to keep track of changes across the different colleges and universities.

We need to be thinking of better ways to keep track of possible members.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Kris Ellison – seconded by Angela Stallings – So moved. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

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Treasurer's Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Year End June 30, 2025	Year End June 30, 2024
Fund Balance at Beginning of the Year	\$ 13,806.60	\$ 12,264.14
Inflows:		
Registration Fees	\$ 3,820.00	\$ 3,093.84
Guest Meals		
Sponsors:		
McGraw Hill	Gold \$ 750.00	750.00
Students Excel	Gold 750.00	750.00
Becker	Gold 750.00	750.00
Cengage	Gold 750.00	750.00
Pearson	Silver 500.00	-
Total Sponsors	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Inflows	7,320.00	6,093.84
Outflows:		
Conference Meals and Snacks	\$ 2,095.35	\$ 1,229.80
Conference Insurance		
Conference Prizes	125.00	125.00
Conference Meeting Venue	202.79	82.22
Conference Supplies/Printing	451.04	
Conference Tote Bags	1,000.00	750.00
Speaker Honorarium and Travel	16.17	206.85
Website		
Organizational Expense	116.83	107.51
PayPal Processing Fee	2,000.00	2,000.00
Scholarship Fund - SCACPA Donation	50.00	50.00
Not-For-Profit Registration	1.01	
Postage		
Bank Charges		
Total Outflows	<u>6,058.19</u>	<u>4,551.38</u>
Fund Balance at the End of the Year	<u>\$ 15,068.41</u>	<u>\$ 13,806.60</u>
Kristy Paradise Ellison Treasurer		

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First Name	Last Name	School or College
Larry Scott	Barker	Presbyterian College
Cindy	Bolt	The Citadel
Benjamin	Cartwright	Wofford College
Elizabeth	Cole	USC-Upstate
Jason	Cote	North Greenville University
L. Monique	Curry	Midlands Technical College
Roxane	DeLaurell	College of Charleston
Kristy	Ellison	University of South Carolina
Dave	Garrison	Clemson University
Mary	Gibson	Erskine College
Tanya	Greenlee	Converse University
Robert	Hogan	College of Charleston
Dawn	LaVanway	Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College
Karen	Mattison	Presbyterian College
Marion	McHugh	Furman University
Josette	Pelzer	College of Charleston
Samantha	Perry	Clafin University
Charles	Randle	Winthrop University
Lymari	Rentas Gonzalez	The Citadel, Grand Canyon University
Ethel	Robinson	Florence-Darlington Technical College
Vincent	Salazar	The Citadel
Tara	Saracina	Clafin University
Natalia	Scott	University of South Carolina
Susan	Shurden	Lander University
Angela	Stallings	University of South Carolina
Cameron	Vaughn	Spartanburg Community College
Angela	Williams	Limestone - Retired
Daniel	Williams	University of South Carolina
Susan	Wright	The Citadel

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SCAAE 2026 Conference Evaluation



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you next year at our
conference – Stay tuned to
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