



CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP AND CO-SPONSORSHIP POLICIES

BACKGROUND:

The TMS Conference Sponsorship and Co-Sponsorship Policy was developed for the purpose of providing governance for the review and approval of TMS support for all meetings except Annual Meeting and MS&T. More detailed guidance on how to carry out the policies described in this document can be found in an operational document entitled the *Procedures for TMS Conference Sponsorship and Co-sponsorship Approval*.

GOVERNANCE:

This policy is governed by the Meetings Sponsorship Review Panel. This review panel will review and approve or reject all requests for TMS meeting sponsorship based on guidelines outlined below. It will consist of all ex-officio members:

- The TMS Technical Division chairs (or a representative of that chair, such as the vice chair or a division programming representative)
- The Program Committee chair

TYPES:

Three conditions of sponsorship and co-sponsorship exist.

1. TMS Co-sponsored-in-Name-Only Meeting (CINO)
2. TMS-Partnered Specialty Meeting
3. TMS-Sponsored Specialty Meeting

1. TMS CO-SPONSORED MEETING

- No Financial Risk/Reward
- No TMS Staff Support
- No or Minimal TMS Volunteer Support
- No Board Approval
- Limited Benefits to TMS Members
- Is of Strategic Interest to the Society as Determined by the TMS Executive Director

Definition

A ***TMS co-sponsored-in-name-only meeting*** is an event endorsed by TMS, that does not rely on TMS staff support to develop any aspect of the event, at most entails minimal involvement from TMS volunteers and is run entirely by another organization.

2. TMS-PARTNERED SPECIALTY MEETING

- Partial Financial Risk/Reward
- Minimal to Full TMS Staff Support
- Minimal to Full TMS Volunteer Support
- Board Approval
- Significant Benefits to TMS Members

Definition

*A **TMS-partnered specialty meeting** is an event conducted by TMS and one or more additional organization that requires some degree of support by TMS staff and/or volunteers and that possesses an element of financial risk and reward for the society.*

3. TMS-SPONSORED SPECIALTY MEETING

- Full Financial Risk/Reward
- Full TMS Staff Support
- Minimal to Full TMS Volunteer Support
- Board Approval
- Significant Benefits to TMS Members

Definition

*A **TMS-sponsored specialty meeting** is an event conducted entirely by TMS staff and volunteers with all associated risk and reward.*

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