



## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 21, 2026		Room
6:30 AM – 1:30 PM	<b>Golf Classic</b> benefitting the AOPO Foundation <i>Separate registration required.</i>	
8:30 AM – 7:00 PM	<b>Registration Open</b>	LEVEL 3
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	<b>Public Affairs Meeting</b> <i>OPO members only</i>	CAPTIVA 1-2
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Community Engagement Committee</b> <i>Committee members only</i>	SUN 5
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Advocacy Committee</b> <i>Committee members only</i>	DAYTONA 1
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Data Committee</b> <i>Committee members only</i>	SUN 5
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>NEW! Donation Services Workshop</b> <i>DFS, HD, Clinical, Edu &amp; Training</i>	MIAMI 1-3
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>NEW! Donor Care Units</b>	SUN 3-4
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>HR Community of Practice</b> <i>Closed meeting for OPO HR staff only</i>	SUN 6
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>NEW! Tissue Services Workshop</b> <i>Content and speakers provided by:</i> 	TALLAHASSEE 1
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>NEW! DMG Workgroup</b>	SUN 1-2
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Financial Management Community of Practice</b> <i>Closed meeting for OPO Finance staff only</i>	SANIBEL 2-3
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Leadership Development Committee</b> <i>Committee members only</i>	TALLAHASSEE 2
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>OPO IMPACT Committee</b> <i>Committee members only</i>	TALLAHASSEE 3
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Information Technology &amp; Data Communities of Practice</b>	DAYTONA 1-2
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>AOPO OPTN Engagement Task Force</b> <i>Task Force members only</i>	SUN 5
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	<b>President's Reception</b> <i>Invitation Only</i>	SUN A
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	<b>GRAND OPENING RECEPTION IN THE EXHIBIT HALL – ALL ATTENDEES</b>	EXHIBIT HALL A LEVEL 1

# AOPO 2026 Annual Meeting

June 21 - 23 | Orlando, FL | #AOPOAM26

MONDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## PLENARY SESSIONS

Open to all registered attendees

Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Time	Session	Room
7:00 AM – 5:15 PM	Registration Open	LEVEL 3
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Networking Breakfast with Exhibitors	EXHIBIT HALL A LEVEL 1

## Welcome!

8:30 AM – 8:40 AM | PLENARY

SUN BALLROOM A-D

Welcome to Orlando & the 43rd AOPO Annual Meeting: 50K in 2026!



**Jaison Abraham**  
Executive Director  
*OurLegacy*



**Brooke Garvis**  
Manager, Corporate Education & Development  
*Midwest Transplant Network*  
**AOPO Programs & Education Committee Chair**



## Connect to Purpose



Monday, June 22, 2026

8:40 AM – 9:25 AM | PLENARY

SUN BALLROOM A-D

### Extraordinary Conversations

In this session, Dr. Toby Campbell will present his podcast Extraordinary Conversations and discuss conversations centered on organ donation and the experiences of donor families. He will explore how clinicians approach discussions about donation with compassion, clarity, and respect during moments of profound grief. The session highlights the perspectives of donor families, the emotional complexity of decision-making, and the importance of honoring patient values and family wishes.



**Toby Campbell MD, MS, FAAHPM**

Chief of Palliative Care  
*University of Wisconsin School of  
Medicine and Public Health*



**Donor Mom**

Nikki Capelle  
*Janesville, Wisconsin*



**MODERATOR**

**Samantha Taylor**

Donation Support Specialist  
*UW Organ & Tissue Donation*

## President's Address

Monday, June 22, 2026

9:25 AM – 9:55 AM | PLENARY

SUN BALLROOM A-D

Join us for the President's Address, where Jeff Trageser, President of APOPO, will share reflections on the past year's accomplishments. This session will highlight key initiatives, celebrate member contributions, and explore the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Don't miss this inspiring and unifying moment as we come together to reaffirm our mission and energize our collective path forward.



**Jeff Trageser**

Executive Director  
*Lifesharing*  
**APOPO President**



**MODERATOR**

**Steve Miller**

Chief Executive Officer  
*APOPO*

9:55 AM – 10:40 AM

Energizing Break with Exhibitors

EXHIBIT HALL A  
LEVEL 1

## NRP/AOOS

Monday, June 22, 2026

10:40 AM – 11:30 AM | PLENARY

SUN BALLROOM A-D

### NRP Practices and Allocation Out of Sequence: Clinical and Operational Considerations

The discussion will provide an overview of current NRP practices as they relate to organ donation workflows, along with operational guidance on allocation out of sequence scenarios. Key topics will include clinical and logistical considerations, coordination between OPOs and clinical teams, and decision-making frameworks that support timely and appropriate allocation.



**Charles Strom, MD**  
Chief of Surgical Services  
New England Donor Services  
AOPO Board of Directors



**Jackie Russe**  
Director of Organ Services  
Nevada Donor Network  
AOPO IMPACT Committee Chair



**MODERATOR**  
**Bruce Nicely**  
VP, Donation Optimization  
Gift of life Michigan



**Tracie Hanna**  
Procurement Transplant Coordinator  
Nevada Donor Network

## CMS & HRSA

Monday, June 22, 2026

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM | PLENARY

SUN BALLROOM A-D

In this session, CMS will present on its work in executing national clinical, quality and safety standards. HRSA will present on its continued efforts to modernize OPTN technologies, expand and refine public-facing dashboards, improve oversight of safety reporting and allocation practices, engage patients, donor families, clinicians, OPTN members in modernization efforts, and build new tools to support real-time operations and data transparency.



**Dora Hughes, MD, MPH**  
Chief Medical Officer & Director of the  
Center for Clinical Standards & Quality  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid  
Services



**Suma Nair, PhD**  
Associate Administrator, Health Systems  
Bureau  
U.S. Department of Health and Human  
Services, Health Resources and Services  
Administration



**MODERATOR**  
**Jeff Trageser**  
Executive Director  
Lifesharing  
AOPO President



**Brianna Doby**  
Organ Transplant Branch Chief  
Health Resources and Services  
Administration

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Networking Lunch with Exhibitors	EXHIBIT HALL A LEVEL 1
12:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Annual Business Meeting (Closed meeting for OPO CEOs/Executive Director only)	MIAMI 1-2

Breakout Sessions Monday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>		
<b>TIME</b> 1:35 PM – 2:30 PM	<b>A - Breakout Sessions</b> Attend breakout sessions focused on various tracks.	<b>ROOM</b>

**Collaborative Partnerships** Monday, June 22, 2026

1:35 PM – 2:30 PM | A – BREAKOUT SUN A-D

**From ICU to Donation: Multidisciplinary Strategies to Improve DCD Outcomes and Palliative Integration**

This session explores collaborative approaches to optimizing donation after circulatory death (DCD) through integrated palliative care. Presenters will discuss palliative-focused DCD huddles, strategies for transitioning donors to Donor Care Units, and findings from a quality-improvement initiative addressing missed donation opportunities and palliative care gaps in the ICU. Attendees will gain actionable tools to strengthen interdisciplinary communication and improve both end-of-life care and donation outcomes.



**Kayla Morrison**  
Hospital Service Coordinator III  
*Lifebanc*



**Gabby Severnak**  
Organ Services  
*LifeSource*



**Sarah Lee**  
Palliative Care Social Worker  
*Medstar Health*



**Zachary Sprenger**  
Donation Coordinator  
*LifeSource*



**Amelia Joss**  
Hospital Donation Coordinator  
*Infinite Legacy*



**Paige Savageau**  
Donation Coordinator  
*LifeSource*



**MODERATOR**  
**Brooke Garvis**  
Manager Corporate Education  
*Midwest Transplant Network*  
**AOPO Programs & Education Committee Chair**

**1:35 PM – 2:30 PM | A – BREAKOUT**

**SUN 1-2**

**Pumped for Perfusion: How OPO-Driven NRP is Transforming DCD Organ Placement**

This session highlights the growing impact of OPO-driven normothermic regional perfusion (NRP) on DCD organ placement. Presenters will share how a locally fueled OPO and perfusion model is reshaping practice, with a focus on outcomes data reflecting NRP's influence on liver and kidney placement rates. Attendees will gain insight into how OPO-based NRP programs can drive meaningful improvements across the donation and transplant continuum.



**Laura Cwynar**  
Organ Recovery Manager  
*Center for Organ Recovery & Education*



**Elizabeth Brown**  
VP of Clinical Practice Optimization and Education  
*Gift of Life Donor Program*



**MODERATOR**  
**Kelsi Moret**  
Sr. Human Resources Business Partner  
*Center for Organ Recovery & Education*  
**AOPo Programs & Education Committee**

**1:35 PM – 2:30 PM | A – BREAKOUT**

**SUN 3-4**

**From Biopsy to Bedside: Enhancing Kidney Allocation and Remote Donor Coordination**

This session explores innovations shaping kidney allocation and donor coordination. Presenters will compare local, telepathology, and AI-enhanced biopsy interpretation and their impact on allocation decisions, alongside strategies for maintaining consistency when managing donor cases remotely. Attendees will leave with practical insights for leveraging technology and standardized workflows to optimize donation outcomes.



**Scott Rombach**  
Founder & CEO  
*Specialist Direct*



**Amy Waterman, PhD**  
Division Chief for Patient Engagement and Diversity  
*Houston Methodist Research Institute*



**Woodhey Ambrose**  
Senior Director of Organ Operations & Surgical Recovery  
*LifeGift*



**Amber Schwartz**  
Senior Organ Procurement Coordinator  
*UW Organ & Tissue Donation*



**MODERATOR**  
**Jenna LaSota**  
Education & Development Manager  
*Network for Hope*  
**AOPo Programs & Education Committee**

### Breaking Barriers in Liver Utilization: Smarter Tools, Faster Decisions, Better Outcomes

Reducing late declines and maximizing liver utilization requires both innovation and precision. This session examines how 3D volumetrics can support faster, more confident placement decisions and explores the impact of pre-allocation open liver biopsy on overall liver utilization rates. This session offers practical approaches to integrating smarter diagnostic tools into their decision-making processes.



**Lee Keddie**  
President & CEO  
*CompuMed*



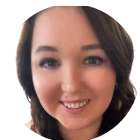
**Philip Hahn**  
Assistant Manager of Recovery Services  
*LifeLink of Florida*



**Thomas Molony**  
VP, Organ Services  
*Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency*



**Felicitas Koller, MD**  
Professor of Surgery  
*UMMC*



**MODERATOR**  
**Jessica Brown**  
Organ Clinical Educator  
*Network for Hope*  
**AOPO Programs & Education Committee**

## Peer, Partner, & Donor Family Support

Monday, June 22, 2026

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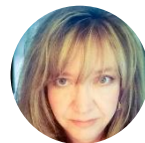
SANIBEL 1-2

### Advancing Donation Collaboration: Elevating Outcomes Through Liaison and Specialist Integration

Strong hospital partnerships and specialized expertise are at the heart of improving donation outcomes. This session highlights the inaugural Donation Liaison Workshop and the impact of in-house donation specialists on OPO-hospital collaboration and organ donation outcomes. Participants will walk away with insights into how dedicated liaison models are strengthening relationships and driving measurable improvements in the field.



**Emily Pier**  
Hospital Development Specialist  
*UW Organ & Tissue Donation*



**Lora Smitherman**  
Manager, Hospital Services  
*HonorBridge*



**MODERATOR**  
**Gilbert Chediak**  
In-House Coordinator 2  
*South Florida Donor Network*

## AI Strategies

Monday, June 22, 2026

1:35 PM – 2:30 PM | A – BREAKOUT

TALLAHASSEE 1-2

### From Data to Donation: Partnering with AI to Improve DCD Decisions

Artificial intelligence is reshaping how donation teams identify opportunities and anticipate critical clinical moments. This session explores the use of AI in determining donor eligibility and predicting imminent asystole in DCD cases, offering a closer look at how data-driven tools can support faster, more accurate decision-making. Clinicians and coordinators will gain practical insight into integrating AI-enabled approaches to improve DCD outcomes.



**Richard Threlkeld, PhD**  
Chief Executive Officer  
*Valiant*



**Lirim Ashiku, PhD**  
Chief Technology Officer  
*Valiant*



**MODERATOR**  
**Stephanie Gonzalez**  
Organ Procurement Coordinator  
*Lifesharing*  
**AOPO Programs & Education Committee**



**Renee O'Reilly**  
Business Intelligence & Analytics Partner  
*MidAmerica Transplant*

## Training & Education

Monday, June 22, 2026

1:35 PM – 2:30 PM | A – BREAKOUT

CAPTIVA 1-2

### Smarter Conversations: Using Simulation and Predictive Analytics to Support Family Approach in DCD

Navigating family conversations in DCD cases requires both skill and strategy. This session examines simulation-based training for managing opposition during first-person authorization discussions and explores how predictive analytics can inform donor advocate deployment to normalize and support complex conversations. This session equips attendees with innovative tools and approaches to strengthen family communication and improve authorization outcomes in DCD cases.



**Robbie Glazner**  
Director, Business Intelligence  
*Donor Network of Arizona*  
AOPO Data Committee



**Josh Brennan**  
Director, Donor Legacy  
*Donor Network of Arizona*



**MODERATOR**  
**Angie Hockman**  
Professional Services Liaison  
*Center for Organ Recovery & Education*  
AOPO Programs & Education Committee



**Mallory Tanner**  
Learning and Development Specialist  
*Donor Alliance*

## Pediatrics

Monday, June 22, 2026

1:35 PM – 2:30 PM | A – BREAKOUT

TALLAHASSEE 3

### Navigating the Intersection of Pediatric Death Investigation and Organ Donation

This session examines the coordination required when pediatric death investigations overlap with organ and tissue donation opportunities. Participants will review roles of medical examiners, healthcare teams, and organ procurement organizations, along with key legal, ethical, and communication considerations. Emphasis will be placed on preserving forensic integrity, supporting families, and promoting timely, collaborative decision-making.



**Jonathan Boyd**  
Founder & CEO  
*AlloEd*



**Anna G. McDonald, MD**  
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Pathology  
*Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist*



**MODERATOR**  
**Michael Palmisano**  
Director of Tissue Operations  
*We Are Sharing Hope SC*



**Thomas Nakagawa, MD**  
Associate Medical Director  
*HonorBridge*

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

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LEVEL 1

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**Collaborative Partnerships** Monday, June 22, 2026

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**Community-Powered Donation: Engaging First Responders, Advancing Equity, and Expanding Access**

Building a culture of donation requires meeting communities where they are. This session showcases innovative outreach strategies, from leveraging friendly competition among first responders to foster pro-donation communities, to an OPO-led equity initiative addressing persistent disparities in kidney transplant access. Those in attendance will gain fresh perspectives and replicable models for driving meaningful engagement and expanding access across diverse populations.



**Monica Myles**  
Director of Operations, Northern Nevada  
*Nevada Donor Network*



**Jenna Dumas**  
Associate Director of Donation Development  
*Nevada Donor Network*



**Benjamin Asfaw**  
Chief Quality Officer  
*New England Donor Services*



**Cristian Morales**  
Senior External Affairs Coordinator  
*Sierra Donor Services*



**Steven Averhart**  
Senior Director of Family Services  
*New England Donor Services*



**Michael Coleman**  
Communications Director  
*Sierra Donor Services*



**MODERATOR**  
**Kristen Deyling**  
Learning & Development Specialist  
*Lifebanc*  
**AOPO Programs & Education Committee**

## DCD, uDCD, & NRP

Monday, June 22, 2026

3:20 PM – 4:15 PM | B – BREAKOUT

SUN 1-2

### Flow & Form: Histologic Value and Blood Utilization in NRP

Understanding what happens at the cellular level during normothermic regional perfusion is key to maximizing organ viability. This session examines the histologic value of NRP-perfused kidneys and explores blood and perfusion solution utilization practices within NRP protocols. Audience members will come away with a deeper understanding of how perfusion dynamics influence organ quality and inform best practices in NRP implementation.



**MODERATOR**  
**David D. Malkow**  
President and CEO  
*Perfusion Solutions, Inc*



**Laura Cwynar**  
Organ Recovery Manager  
*Center for Organ Recovery & Education*

## OPO Operations

Monday, June 22, 2026

3:20 PM – 4:15 PM | B – BREAKOUT

SUN 3-4

### Ending the Ice Age: Redefining Organ Preservation Through Controlled Hypothermic Technology

Advances in controlled hypothermic preservation are expanding what's possible in organ transport. This session highlights the KidneyVault's support of continuous machine perfusion during commercial air travel, controlled hypothermic preservation for donor livers, and BAROguard as a rescue pathway for hard-to-place donor lungs. Participants will walk away with insight into how these technologies are broadening placement opportunities and redefining organ preservation.



**Nathan Fine**  
Manager, Organ Utilization  
*Donor Network of Arizona*



**Sherry Quire**  
Director, Organ Services  
*Indiana Donor Network*



**MODERATOR**  
**Pratik Patel**  
Senior Director, Product Management  
*Paragonix Technologies*

## It's Not You, It's the Data: Navigating Invalid NATs and Blood Type Plot Twist

Data anomalies can complicate even the most straightforward donation cases. This session tackles two nuanced challenges: the impact of invalid nucleic acid test (NAT) results on deceased donor organ utilization and the implications of blood type transformation following bone marrow transplant. Clinicians and coordinators will gain practical insight into navigating these complex scenarios to minimize their impact on organ placement and donor outcomes.



**Hillary Akana**  
Quality Control Manager  
*Eurofins Donor & Product Testing*



**Tania Houle**  
Director, Referral Optimization  
*Legacy of Hope*



**Lisa Stocks**  
VP, Transplant Services &  
Performance Improvement  
*OneLegacy*



**Lindsey Banks**  
Director of Clinical Services  
*Legacy of Hope*



**MODERATOR**  
**Sara Dionne, PhD**  
President  
*Eurofins Donor & Product Testing*



**Kristy Lowe**  
Assistant Director of Clinical Services  
*Legacy of Hope*

## Peer, Partner, & Donor Family Support

Monday, June 22, 2026

3:20 PM – 4:15 PM | B – BREAKOUT

SANIBEL 1-2

### Measuring What Matters: A Data-Driven Look at FPA Opposition and Authorization Performance Assessment

Accurate performance assessment depends on asking the right questions and measuring the right outcomes. This session presents a data-driven framework for evaluating authorization performance through an observed versus expected lens, while also drawing important distinctions between FPA resistance and FPA opposition. This session equips attendees with analytical tools and a clearer conceptual framework to drive more meaningful quality improvement in authorization practices.



**Noell Olsen**  
Director of Governance & Data Strategy  
*Cascade Life Alliance*



**Katy McCue**  
Director of Strategic Relations  
*Cascade Life Alliance*



**MODERATOR**  
**John Malone**  
Manager, Business Intelligence  
*DonorConnect*



**Taylor Brookins**  
Director of Family Services  
*Midwest Transplant Network*

## Referral Management

Monday, June 22, 2026

3:20 PM – 4:15 PM | B – BREAKOUT

TALLAHASSEE 1-2

### Get There First, Find Them Faster: Mastering Early Referrals & Registry Optimization

Timing and technology are everything in organ donation. This session explores the critical value of early referrals, strategies for optimizing and automating registry searches, and the role of mobile health platforms in streamlining workflows through a human factors lens. Those in attendance will come away with actionable strategies to improve referral timing, enhance registry efficiency, and leverage technology to identify and act on donation opportunities faster.



**Dave Pilling**  
Principal Technology and Innovation Strategist  
*Donor Network of Arizona*



**Claire Ward**  
Tissue Donor Optimization Manager  
*Donor Network of Arizona*



**Hobby Al-Saleh**  
VP of Clinical Operations  
*Donor Network of Arizona*



**Allen Paulsen**  
Organ Process Supervisor  
*LifeSource*



**MODERATOR**  
**Erin Halpin**  
Organ Procurement Coordinator  
*UW Organ & Tissue Donation*  
**AOPO Programs & Education Committee**

## Training & Education

Monday, June 22, 2026

3:20 PM – 4:15 PM | B – BREAKOUT

CAPTIVA 1-2

### Leader Development in Action: From Individual Plans to Organizational Impact

Effective leadership development starts with intentional, individualized growth. This session highlights a coaching-driven approach to leader development, exploring how Individual Development Plans and targeted coaching strategies can strengthen workforce engagement and elevate organizational performance. Participants will walk away with practical frameworks for building a culture of continuous development that drives impact at every level.



**Laura Walling-Sotolongo**  
Sr. Director, Talent and Optimization  
*New England Donor Services*



**Amanda Beck**  
Recovery Services Supervisor  
*Versiti*



**MODERATOR**  
**Brooke Garvis**  
Manager Corporate Education  
*Midwest Transplant Network*  
**AOPO Programs & Education Committee Chair**

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## Collaborative Partnerships

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SUN A-D

### Navigating Neurologic Death Determination and Anatomical Gift Utilization Across the Lifespan

Hospital policies for determining neurologic death vary widely, and those variations have real consequences for donors, families, and transplant outcomes in both adult and pediatric populations. This session examines how OPOs and hospital partners can align on policy implementation and maximize the utilization of anatomical gifts when every decision matters most.



**Thomas Nakagawa, MD**  
Associate Medical Director  
*HonorBridge*



**Madison Long**  
Organ Procurement Team Lead  
*Center for Organ Recovery & Education*



**MODERATOR**  
**Angie Hockman**  
Professional Services Liaison  
*Center for Organ Recovery & Education*  
**AOPO Programs & Education Committee**

### More Organs, Better Outcomes: Unlocking the Potential of DCD & NRP

NRP is proving to be a powerful lever for expanding DCD organ utilization. This session examines how OPO-driven NRP is increasing liver utilization and improving observed-to-expected ratios, the impact of combining NRP with advanced organ preservation strategies, and practical lessons in sustaining effective perfusion practices. Clinicians and coordinators will gain insight into how NRP-centered approaches are translating into more organs transplanted and better outcomes across the board.



**Nathan Fine**  
Manager, Organ Utilization  
*Donor Network of Arizona*



**Laura Cwynar**  
Organ Recovery Manager  
*Center for Organ Recovery & Education*



**Brytany Bailey**  
Director, Preservation & Placement  
*Gift of Life Michigan*



**Bryan Bennet**  
Organ Machine Perfusion Manager  
*Center for Organ Recovery & Education*



**MODERATOR**  
**Kelsi Moret**  
Sr. Human Resources Business Partner  
*Center for Organ Recovery & Education*  
**AOP0 Programs & Education Committee**

### From Insight to Action: AI-Driven Recommendations and Streamlined Donation Workflows

Smarter systems are making donation workflows faster and more effective. This session explores how comprehensive AI-driven chart summarization and clinical recommendations are enhancing decision-making, alongside how ecosystem interoperability is streamlining the donation process from end to end. Clinicians and coordinators will gain insight into how integrating intelligent tools and connected systems can reduce friction and drive more timely, informed action across the donation continuum.



**MODERATOR**  
**Aditi Srinivasan**  
VP & General Manager, Donation & Transplant  
*InVita Healthcare Technologies*



**Andrew Kaufman**  
Senior Manager of Products & Services  
*InVita Healthcare Technologies*

## Allocation, Utilization, & Preservation

Monday, June 22, 2026

4:20 PM – 5:15 PM | C – BREAKOUT

SUN 5-6

### Storms Within: Navigating Asthma and Brain Death Physiology in Organ Donation

Optimizing donor management in the face of complex physiology is essential to maximizing transplant potential. This session explores the impact of donor management strategies on lung transplant outcomes in asthmatic donors and examines approaches to restoring cardiac function in the brain dead donor to enhance transplant suitability. This session equips attendees with evidence-informed strategies for navigating challenging donor physiology and improving organ utilization outcomes.



**Katrina Gauntt**  
Research Statistician  
*Donor Network of Arizona*



**Ashwini Arjuna, MD**  
Director of Education  
*Pulmonary Medicine at Norton Thoracic Institute St. Joseph's Hospital*



**Hobby Al-Saleh**  
VP of Clinical Operations  
*Donor Network of Arizona*



**Matthew Ellison**  
Manager of Organ Recovery  
*Southern Legacy of Life*



**MODERATOR**  
**Jessica Brown**  
Organ Clinical Educator  
*Network for Hope*  
[AOPO Programs & Education Committee](#)

## Peer, Partner, & Donor Family Support

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SANIBEL 1-2

### Navigating Resistance, Building Partnerships, and Using Data to Enhance Organ Donation

Sustainable donation growth requires both strong relationships and smart data. This session explores how one OPO transformed conflict into collaboration across a multi-hospital system through strategic partnerships, education, and effective navigation of FPA resistance. Presenters will also examine how national public health data can guide targeted outreach efforts to drive donor registration. Participants will walk away with replicable strategies for strengthening hospital relationships and applying a public health lens to expand donation impact.



**Angie Deml**  
Hospital Partner Liaison  
*LifeSource*



**Crysta McGee**  
Community Relations Manager  
*Network for Hope*



**MODERATOR**  
**Jenna LaSota**  
Education & Development Manager  
*Network for Hope*  
[AOPO Programs & Education Committee](#)

## Referral Management

Monday, June 22, 2026

4:20 PM – 5:15 PM | C – BREAKOUT

TALLAHASSEE 1-2

### From Determination to Donation: Reducing Variability, Improving Timeliness, and Maximizing Donor Potential

Timely and accurate clinical evaluation is critical to maximizing every donation opportunity. This session addresses two key barriers in the donation process: reducing actionable non-referrals through onsite clinical evaluation by referral responders and identifying obstacles to timely brain death determination in critically ill patients. This session equips attendees with practical strategies to minimize variability, improve timeliness, and ensure no opportunity is missed from determination to donation.



**Ameera Samad**  
Donation Coordinator  
*Gift of Hope*



**Magic Allen**  
Organ Donor Care Center Lead  
*Rush University*



**MODERATOR**  
**Kimberly Blair**  
Manager, Referral Coordinator  
*LifeLink of Florida*



**David Moreno**  
Referral Responder  
*Nevada Donor Network*

## Training & Education

Monday, June 22, 2026

4:20 PM – 5:15 PM | C – BREAKOUT

CAPTIVA 1-2

### Back to Basics: The Value of Watch One, Do One, Teach One in Surgical Skills Training

Sometimes the most effective training models are rooted in time-tested principles. This session revisits the "Watch One, Do One, Teach One" framework as an approach to surgical skills training for non-transplant organs, exploring how this hands-on methodology builds competency and confidence across donation teams. Audience members will come away with insight into how foundational training principles can yield meaningful improvements in surgical preparedness.



**Mike Vara**  
Sr. Regional Director  
*IIAM*



**Bethany Guieb**  
Interim Surgical Supervisor  
*Nevada Donor Network*



**MODERATOR**  
**Gina Dunne Smith**  
Executive Director  
*IIAM*

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7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Networking Breakfast with Exhibitors	EXHIBIT HALL A LEVEL 1
7:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Medical Directors Meeting <i>(Closed meeting for OPO Medical Directors only)</i>	TALLAHASSEE 3
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Econometrica TEP Meeting <i>(Closed meeting Invitation only)</i>	CAPTIVA 1

Breakout Sessions Tuesday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>		
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## Collaborative Partnerships

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SUN A-D

### No Cath, No Problem: How OPOs Achieve Record-Breaking Results with MOSAiCC

Cardiac catheterization has long been a standard step in donor evaluation — but what happens when you take it out of the equation? This session explores how OPOs are achieving record-breaking results using MOSAiCC by CompuMed, challenging traditional evaluation pathways and demonstrating that high performance is possible without routine catheterization. Clinicians and coordinators will gain insight into how this innovative approach is streamlining workflows and expanding organ utilization.



**Brian Lima, MD**  
Associate Professor of Cardiac  
Surgery  
*Vanderbilt University Medical Center*



**Alisha Jackson**  
Sr. Director of Organ Services  
*ConnectLife*



**MODERATOR**  
**Lee Keddie**  
President & CEO  
*CompuMed*

## OPO Operations - Logistics

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

8:30 AM – 9:25 AM | D – BREAKOUT

SUN 1-2

### Precision in Transit: Improving Outcomes through Logistics and Thermal Stability

Every minute and every degree matters in organ transport. This session examines two key dimensions of transportation excellence: the strategic value of Indirect Air Carrier certification in elevating logistics operations, and the thermal stability and operational outcomes of a static cold storage shipper in abdominal organ transport. Participants will walk away with practical insight into how precision logistics and temperature management are improving reliability and outcomes across the organ transport continuum.



**Arif Rahman, PhD**  
Chief Technology Officer  
*MaxQ Research*



**Bradon Nave**  
Director of Innovation  
*LifeShare of Oklahoma*



**MODERATOR**  
**Sadie Everts**  
Manager of Organ Services  
*Nevada Donor Network*



**Kayla Forman**  
Director of Guide the Gift  
*Iowa Donor Network*  
**AOPPO OPO IMPACT Committee**

## OPO Operations – Staffing Models

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

8:30 AM – 9:25 AM | D – BREAKOUT

SUN 3-4

### Workforce Solutions: Career Ladders and Strategic Staffing for OPO Teams

A stable, well-structured workforce is foundational to OPO performance. This session examines two complementary approaches to building sustainable teams: a structured third-party clinical staffing model designed to enhance operational performance and reduce costs, and a career ladder and staffing framework tailored for recovery and preservation teams. Attendees will leave with actionable strategies for strengthening workforce stability, supporting staff growth, and optimizing team structure to meet the demands of a dynamic donation environment.



**Christopher Thome**  
Sales and Logistics Director  
*Dedicated Staffing Solutions*



**Jessica Hunt**  
Organ Recovery & Preservation Manager  
*LifeSource*



**MODERATOR**  
**Jamie Smith**  
Director of Hospital Development & Family Support  
*LifeNet Health*

## Allocation, Utilization, & Preservation

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

8:30 AM – 9:25 AM | D – BREAKOUT

SUN 5-6

### **Mismatch Made Possible: Unlocking Transplant Potential Beyond 8/8 From Procurement to Transplant: A Novel Cryopreserved Deceased Donor Bone Marrow as a Timely and Effective Allograft for Patients with Hematologic Malignancies**

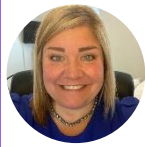
Deceased donor bone marrow is emerging as a transformative graft source for patients with limited transplant options. This session presents findings from four studies examining cryopreserved deceased donor bone marrow in allogeneic transplantation, covering relapse reduction in HLA-mismatched cases, rapid access models, alternative graft sourcing, and first-in-human results in hematologic malignancies. Participants will leave with insight into how this evolving science is expanding transplant eligibility and offering new hope beyond traditional matching thresholds.



**Sagar Munjal, MD**  
Chief Medical Officer  
*Ossium Health*



**Bethany Guieb**  
Interim Surgical Supervisor  
*Nevada Donor Network*



**MODERATOR**  
**Angie Hockman**  
Professional Services Liaison  
*Center for Organ Recovery & Education*  
**AOPO Programs & Education Committee**



**Laura Cwynar**  
Organ Recovery Manager  
*Center for Organ Recovery & Education*

## Peer, Partner, & Donor Family Support

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

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SANIBEL 1-2

### **Engaging Hearts and Minds: Culturally Informed Organ Donation Initiatives**

Trust and cultural connection are at the core of effective donation outreach. This session highlights two community-driven initiatives — an Islamic outreach program helping local Muslims navigate organ donation through a faith-informed lens, and a bilingual Día de los Muertos-based program engaging Latino communities in meaningful donation conversations. Participants will walk away with culturally grounded models for expanding outreach and donor registration across diverse populations.



**Audrey Holtzman**  
Diversity & Inclusion Program  
Manager  
*Network for Hope*  
**AOPO Community Engagement Committee**



**Ingrid Palacios**  
Multicultural Outreach Program Manager  
*New England Donor Services*



**MODERATOR**  
**Trisha Byrd**  
Director of Community Services & Relations  
*Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency*

## HD Mentorship

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

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TALLAHASSEE 1-2

### Unifying Partnerships and People: Driving Donation Growth Through Strategic Integration and Mentorship

Growth in donation begins with strong foundations. This session highlights two complementary strategies: a systems-level approach to unifying referring partnerships that drives efficiency and donation growth, and a mentorship program designed to cultivate mission-driven employees through meaningful connection. Those in attendance will come away with practical models for aligning organizational strategy with people-centered development.



**Valerie Durachta**  
Senior Donation Coordinator  
*Gift of Hope*



**Lindsay Howeth**  
Hospital EMR & Quality Analyst  
*Gift of Hope*



**MODERATOR**  
**Meredith Willits**  
Hospital Services Manager  
*Live On Nebraska*



**Heather Osipowicz**  
Director of Donation Development  
*Nevada Donor Network*

## Training & Education

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

8:30 AM – 9:25 AM | D – BREAKOUT

CAPTIVA 1-2

### Building the Donation Workforce: Innovative OPO-Led Student and Preceptor Initiatives

The future of donation depends on cultivating mission-driven professionals early. This session showcases two OPO-led initiatives: a medical student program inspiring the next generation of healthcare professionals, and a comprehensive preceptor model strengthening workforce readiness. Participants will walk away with replicable frameworks for building educational pipelines that advance the donation mission.



**Jim Rodrigue, PhD**  
Director, Data Research & Insights  
*New England Donor Services*



**Jessica Irons, ED.D**  
Training & Development Specialist  
*Center for Organ Recovery & Education*



**MODERATOR**  
**Brooke Garvis**  
Manager Corporate Education  
*Midwest Transplant Network*  
**AOPO Programs & Education Committee Chair**



**Katie Scully**  
Human Resource Specialist  
*Center for Organ Recovery & Education*

9:25 AM – 10:10 AM

**Energizing Break with Exhibitors & Poster Abstract**  
Authors will be at their posters.  
Be sure to stop by and ask them questions!

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**LEVEL 1**

## Breakout Sessions Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

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### Collaborative Partnerships

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SUN A-D

### Bridging the Gap: Living vs. Deceased Donation Education in Dialysis Communities

Misconceptions about living versus deceased donation can quietly undermine registration and transplant access. This session examines how this confusion impacts donor registration and highlights a community-engaged education model delivered within dialysis centers to reduce transplant barriers. Participants will walk away with replicable strategies for bringing targeted education directly to high-need communities.



**Patrick Wells-O'Brian**  
VP, Communications & External Relations  
*Gift of Life Michigan*  
**AOPO Advocacy Committee**



**leesha Johnson**  
Executive Director of The Decision Project  
*Infinite Legacy*  
**AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee**



**MODERATOR**  
**Nicole Sheckler**  
Director of Communications & Community Engagement  
*South Florida Donor Network*

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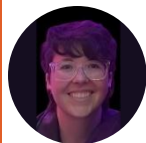
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SUN 1-2

### From 'We're Out' to 'We're In': Rewriting the Ending in the OR

When organs decline intraoperatively, the story doesn't have to end there. This session highlights remarkable salvage cases and strategies that turned potential losses into life-saving outcomes, including real-time heart salvage without ex vivo perfusion, lung recovery following intraoperative decline using ex-vivo lung perfusion, and strategies for maximizing lung placement in DCD donors. Clinicians and coordinators will gain insight into the clinical creativity and decisive action that can rewrite the ending in the OR.



**Mattique Nowery**  
Procurement Transplant Coordinator  
*Nevada Donor Network*



**Rachel Fry**  
Regional Transplant Center & OPO Liaison  
*Lung Bioengineering*



**MODERATOR**  
**Jackie Russe**  
Director of Organ Services  
*Nevada Donor Services*  
**AOPO OPO IMPACT Committee Chair**



**Meg O'Donnell**  
Advanced Practice Provider  
*UW Organ & Tissue Donation*

## OPO Operations

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

10:15 AM – 11:10 AM | E – BREAKOUT

SUN 3-4

### Building Resilient OPOs: Strategic Approaches to Business Continuity

When disruption strikes, preparation makes the difference. This session presents a strategic framework for business continuity implementation in OPOs, offering a roadmap for building resilient operations that can withstand and adapt to unexpected challenges. Audience members will come away with practical tools and approaches to strengthen organizational preparedness and safeguard mission-critical functions.



**MODERATOR**

**Daniel Poucher**

Business Resilience Services Manager  
*Wolf & Company, P.C.*



**Mathew Moss**

Chief Information Officer  
*New England Donor Services*

## Allocation, Utilization, & Preservation

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

10:15 AM – 11:10 AM | E – BREAKOUT

SUN 5-6

### Cold Time, Hot Data: How Remote Monitoring is Changing Kidney Transplant Logistics

Real-time data is transforming how teams manage kidney transport and acceptance decisions. This session explores how remote monitoring and tracking technologies are driving operational efficiency and accelerating kidney acceptance, reducing cold time and improving placement outcomes. Participants will walk away with insight into how leveraging live data can streamline logistics and support faster, more confident decision-making across the transplant field.



**MODERATOR**

**Kayla Andalina**

Director, Marketing  
*Organ Recovery Systems*



**Amanda Beck**

Recovery Services Supervisor  
*Versiti*

## Peer, Partner, & Donor Family Support

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

10:15 AM – 11:10 AM | E – BREAKOUT

SANIBEL 1-2

### From Loss to Legacy: Innovative Programs Supporting Donor Families

Honoring the gift of donation means supporting donor families long after the moment of loss. This session highlights two programs designed to deepen that commitment: a 13-month bereavement program enhancing services and support for donor families, and a Donation Legacy Case Program celebrating the lasting impact of each donor's gift. Those in attendance will come away with meaningful models for strengthening family aftercare and fostering enduring connections between donors, families, and the donation community.



**Barbara Wells**

Administrative Operations Assistant  
*UW Organ & Tissue Donation*



**Jill McGrail**

Donor Family Support Coordinator  
*Center for Organ Recovery & Education*



**MODERATOR**

**DonMichael Norwood**

Manager of Family Care Organ  
*Mid-South Transplant Foundation*

## Referral Management

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

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TALLAHASSEE 1-2

### Switching It Up: Reimagining Roles and Real-Time Referral Support

Adapting how and where support is delivered can make all the difference in referral outcomes. This session examines two organizational shifts redefining frontline donation support: a transition from virtual to in-person referral support and the strategic move from donation liaisons to referral liaisons. Delegates will leave with practical insight into how reimagining roles and real-time support models can strengthen hospital partnerships and improve referral performance.



**Rachel Fish**

Manager, Clinical and Donor Family Services  
*UW Organ & Tissue Donation*



**Allison Wallace**

Manager, Hospital and Partner Relations and Referral Liaison  
*Gift of Hope*



**MODERATOR**

**Brittany Visaggio**

Director of Clinical Services  
*NJ Sharing Network*

## Training & Education

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

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CAPTIVA 1-2

### Better Together: Peer Review and After-Action Insights for Efficient Donor Management

Continuous improvement thrives when teams reflect, learn, and act together. This session explores collaborative quality frameworks including peer-to-peer case review, after-action review improvement planning, and specialized authorization and clinical AOC meetings designed to enhance donor management and workflow efficiency. Audience members will come away with structured approaches to building a culture of shared learning that drives meaningful performance improvement across the organization.



**Nikki Wykowski**  
Hospital Development Supervisor  
*UW Organ & Tissue Donation*



**Andrea Boone**  
Senior Donation Liaison  
*Gift of Hope*



**MODERATOR**  
**Lou Napolitano**  
Director of People, Culture + Development  
*Nevada Donor Network*  
[AOPo Programs & Education Committee](#)



**Scott Sander**  
Manager, Organ Quality  
*Midwest Transplant Network*

## Breakout Sessions

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### Partnering to Save Lives: Donation Education for Hospice and Advance Care Planning

Donation conversations don't begin in the ICU — they start long before, in hospice settings and advance care planning discussions. This session explores partnership-driven approaches to integrating donation education within hospice programs and equipping advance care planners with the knowledge and tools to support informed decision-making. Those in attendance will come away with strategies for expanding donation awareness earlier in the care continuum.



**Justina Barnes**  
Director, Hospital Services  
*Midwest Transplant Network*



**Katarina Esser**  
Donation Support Specialist  
*UW Organ & Tissue Donation*



**MODERATOR**  
**Carolina Lopez Maldonado**  
Donation Development Liaison II  
*South Florida Donor Network*

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SUN 1-2

### Legacy Without Limits: The Impact of Upper Age Donation in DCD

Age alone should not define the boundaries of donation. This session explores the utilization and outcomes of upper-age DCD donors, examining both the opportunities and challenges of expanding donor age criteria. Presenters will take a closer look at elderly DCD patients and what their inclusion means for organ availability and transplant outcomes. Those in attendance will come away with insight into how broadening age considerations can expand the donor pool and extend the reach of life-saving donation.



**Matthew Ellison**  
Manager of Organ Recovery  
*Southern Legacy of Life*



**Laney Phillips**  
Organ Recovery Team Lead  
*Southern Legacy of Life*



**MODERATOR**  
**Darryl Nethercot**  
Director of Clinical Operations  
*Lifesharing*  
AOPPO OPO IMPACT Committee



**Felicia Geraci**  
Manager of Clinical Development  
*Midwest Transplant Network*  
AOPPO Programs & Education Committee

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SUN 3-4

### Donor Care in Action: Lessons from a Tertiary ICU Unit and Telemedicine-Driven Training

Real-world experience and innovative training models are shaping the future of donor management. This session shares outcomes from the first 12 months of clinical operations at an ICU-based Donor Care Unit within a tertiary academic transplant center, alongside a look at how telemedicine is being leveraged to expand advanced clinical training and donor management capabilities. Attendees will leave with practical takeaways on building and sustaining high-performing donor care programs.



**Sardis Harward, MD**  
Fellow, Anesthesia Critical Care  
*University of Cincinnati Medical Center*



**Meg Whitaker**  
Organ Donation Coordinator III  
*HonorBridge*



**MODERATOR**  
**June Delisle**  
Clinical Educator  
*Center for Donation & Transplant*

### No Organ Left Behind: Persistence, Precision, and Progress in Lung Allocation

Every viable lung deserves a chance. This session examines how relentless utilization efforts are reducing waitlist mortality, the complexities of remote centralized ex vivo lung perfusion, lungs transplanted after list exhaustion, and a comparison of static cold storage versus controlled hypothermic storage in EVLP outcomes. Attendees will leave with insight into how persistence and advanced preservation strategies are keeping more lungs in play and more patients off the waitlist.



**Kayla Rohbaugh**  
Ex Vivo Clinical Specialist  
*Lung Bioengineering*



**Seana Miller**  
Ex Vivo Clinical Specialist  
*Lung Bioengineering*



**Allie Giese**  
Manager, Organ Allocation  
*Gift of Life Michigan*



**Kate McGarry**  
Allocation Supervisor  
*Gift of Hope*



**MODERATOR**  
**Natalie Hogue**  
Ex Vivo Clinical Specialist  
*Lung Bioengineering*



**Marne Humphries**  
Certified Procurement Transplant  
Coordinator  
*Nevada Donor Network*

## Peer, Partner, & Donor Family Support

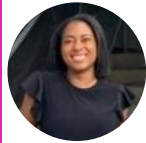
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SANIBEL 1-2

### Score a Life: Engaging Young Adults Through Sports and Innovative Donation Campaigns

Reaching young adults requires meeting them where their passion lives. This session highlights two creative outreach strategies: a football-based campaign building emotional connection to donation and driving young adult registration, and an innovative public outreach initiative addressing declining donor registration trends. Participants will walk away with fresh, replicable approaches to capturing the attention and commitment of the next generation of donors.



**Kennedy Chenault**  
Community Engagement Associate  
*Network for Hope*



**Holly Thomas**  
Hospital & Community Development  
Manager  
*UW Organ & Tissue Donation*



**MODERATOR**  
**Sondra Tootell**  
Community Relations Senior Manager  
*Cascade Life Alliance*

## Allocation

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TALLAHASSEE 1-2

### Beyond Age and History: Unlocking New Possibilities in Donation

Expanding the donor pool means challenging assumptions and rethinking what's possible. This session explores strategies for increasing organ utilization and maximizing donor potential, offering practical approaches to identifying and acting on opportunities that might otherwise be overlooked. Those in attendance will come away with insight into how pushing beyond traditional boundaries is opening new possibilities in donation and improving outcomes for patients in need.



**Amy McDonough**  
Manager of Logistics  
*LifeSource*  
**AOPO Leadership Development Committee**



**Priscilla Erickson**  
Organ Services Supervisor  
*LifeSource*



**MODERATOR**  
**Casey O'Brien**  
Organ Clinical Supervisor  
*Lifesharing*



**Travis Nolt**  
Lead Organ Utilization Coordinator  
*LifeSource*

**Protecting Patients, Strengthening OPOs: Advocacy That Matters Now**

The policy landscape shaping organ donation is evolving — and OPOs must be ready to engage. This session addresses the critical role of advocacy in protecting patients and strengthening OPO operations, equipping attendees with the knowledge and tools to effectively champion policies that advance the donation and transplantation mission. Audience members will come away with a clearer understanding of the advocacy priorities that matter most right now and how to make their voices heard.



**Michael Kenney**  
 Chief Legal Officer  
*Donor Alliance*  
**AOPO Advocacy Committee Vice-Chair**



**Patrick Wells-O'Brian**  
 VP, Communications & External Relations  
*Gift of Life Michigan*  
**AOPO Advocacy Committee**



**MODERATOR**  
**Lisa Paolillo**  
 Chief Counsel  
*New England Donor Services*  
**AOPO Advocacy Committee Chair**



**Jordan Brossi**  
 Sr. Public Affairs Advisor  
*Holland & Knight*



<b>12:10 PM – 1:40 PM</b>	<b>Lunch with Exhibitors</b>	<b>EXHIBIT HALL A LEVEL 1</b>
<b>12:10 PM – 1:40 PM</b>	<b>AOPO Foundation Lunch</b> <i>(Closed meeting for Foundation Board Members only)</i>	<b>DAYTONA 1</b>
<b>12:10 PM – 1:40 PM</b>	<b>In-House Counsel Lunch</b> <i>(Closed meeting for OPO In-House Counsel only)</i>	<b>DAYTONA 2</b>



**PLENARY SESSIONS**  
*Open to all registered attendees*

**Tuesday, June 23rd**

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Welcome Back Day 2!		Tuesday, June 23, 2026
1:40 PM – 1:45 PM   PLENARY		SUN BALLROOM A-D
 <p><b>Kristen Deyling</b>            Learning &amp; Development Specialist  <i>Lifebanc</i>  <b>AOPO Programs &amp; Education Committee Past-Chair</b></p>		
<b>Connect to Purpose</b>		
1:45 PM – 1:55 PM   PLENARY		SUN BALLROOM A-D
<p><b>A Final Gift: Inside America's Organ Transplant System</b>            CBS News piece on the organ donation and transplantation system.  <a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/video/a-final-gift-inside-americas-organ-transplant-system/">https://www.cbsnews.com/video/a-final-gift-inside-americas-organ-transplant-system/</a></p>		



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## Validated Metrics

1:55 PM – 2:45 PM | PLENARY

SUN BALLROOM A-D

AOPO is leading a proactive solution in developing metrics grounded in patient-level data and aligned with expert guidance. The goal is to strengthen the organ donation and transplantation system and build public trust around OPO performance while accurately defining the OPOs role in saving lives and delivering valuable data insights that support our system partners and oversight bodies.



**Jon Snyder, PhD**  
Director of Transplant Epidemiology  
*Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute*



**Jean O'Connor, JD, DrPH, FACHE, PMP**  
Director, Health Consulting Practice  
*Econometrica*



**Jan Finn**  
President & CEO  
*Midwest Transplant Network*  
**AOPO Validated Metrics Co-Chair**



**Oneyda Arellano, CHES, PMP**  
Manager, Health Consulting Practice  
*Econometrica*



**MODERATOR**  
**Barry Massa**  
President & CEO  
*Network for Hope*  
**AOPO Validated Metrics Co-Chair**



**Caroline Lind, MBA, MPH**  
Manager, Health Consulting Practice  
*Econometrica*



**Masuma Rahman, MPH**  
Associate Health Consulting Practice  
*Econometrica*

2:45 PM – 3:30 PM

Break with Exhibitors

EXHIBIT HALL A  
LEVEL 1

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

## Incoming President's Address

3:30 PM – 4:05 PM | PLENARY

SUN BALLROOM A-D

Join us for the Incoming President's Address, where Ali Erickson, will share her vision for the year ahead. This session will highlight key priorities, celebrate the contributions of our members, and outline the opportunities and challenges that will shape our path forward. Don't miss this inspiring and unifying moment as we come together to welcome new leadership and energize our collective commitment to our mission.



**Ali Erickson**  
Chief Administrative Officer  
*New England Donor Services*  
**AOPO President-Elect**



**MODERATOR**  
**Steve Miller**  
Chief Executive Officer  
*AOPO*

## AOPO Lifetime Achievement Award!

Join us in celebrating AOPO's Lifetime Achievement Award, honoring an individual whose extraordinary dedication and leadership have made a lasting impact on the organ procurement and transplantation community. Through meaningful collaboration with AOPO, this honoree has helped shape our mission and inspired generations to come.

### Persistent Support, Persistent Gaps and Targeted Messaging to Reduce Donor Deregistration: What 30 Years of National Survey Data Means for the OPO Community

This session examines more than 30 years of nationally representative HRSA survey data to understand persistent trends—and enduring gaps—in public attitudes and behaviors related to organ donation, with a focus on implications for OPO practice and targeted messaging to reduce donor deregistration.



**Joe Nespral, MD**  
Chief Strategy Officer  
*Texas Organ Sharing Alliance*  
**AOPO Foundation President**



**Jessica Lee**  
Corporate Communications Manager  
*LifeNet Health*  
**AOPO Foundation Grant Recipient**



**Jim Rodrigue**  
Director, Data Research & Insight  
*New England Donor Services*



**Jon Snyder, PhD**  
Director of Transplant Epidemiology  
*Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute*



**MODERATOR**  
**Stacey Hay**  
Senior Data Analyst  
*Versiti*  
**AOPO Data Committee Chair**

## Please Join Us for the AOPO Social Closing Night Event!

**CLOSING NIGHT EVENT**

**Retro BOARDWALK PARTY**

**Tuesday, June 23 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM**

**AOPO**  
ASSOCIATION OF ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATIONS

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