

Information for Pro/Con Debate Moderators and Speakers:
What is a Pro/Con Debate?

A one-hour session in which two debaters provide opposing views on a controversial topic. The moderator gives a 5 minute introduction to the topic and explains why it is controversial. Each debater will then have 15 minutes to present his or her view. At that point, the moderator will announce that each debater has 5 minutes for rebuttal. The remaining 10-15 minutes of the session will be reserved for questions from the audience.

As moderator, you are responsible for...

Working with confirmed speakers to develop specific session content. Once they are all confirmed, you will be notified via e-mail. You should contact the speakers well before the meeting to ensure that their presentations fit the learning objectives. You will also be responsible for verifying that the session content is free of commercial bias. Your staff liaison can organize a conference call for the session participants if you would like.

Assisting the staff liaison assigned to your session with the collection of necessary materials from your speakers. The timely collection of disclosure statements, handouts, and audio-visual presentations is essential to the overall success of your session and your assistance in this area is greatly appreciated.

On-site management of your session. It will be your job to make introductory announcements, to introduce your speakers, and to ensure that they and your session begin and end on time.

As a speaker, you are responsible for...

Development of a presentation appropriate to the specific topic identified. Your presentation should be designed for the target audience: clinicians, researchers, students/trainees and allied health professionals, and should contribute directly to the learning objective identified for your presentation. You are also responsible for providing balanced information that is free of commercial bias.

Attendance for the entire session. To help ensure that the session runs smoothly, your presence is required for its entire duration. We ask our speakers to arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to session starting time.

Please note: Delegates will be required to print their handouts before arriving at the Annual Meeting. Please refer to the [General Speaker Information](#) page for the details of the handouts submission process. Timely submission of handouts by all speakers will allow for a positive meeting experience by all attendees.

If you have further questions, please contact Amanda Buckley at (414) 272-6071 or abuckley@aaaai.org