

American Heart Association

Scientific Sessions 2026

Moderator Orientation

October 2026

Orientation Agenda

- ❖ Polling/Audience Response.
- ❖ In Room Moderator Controls.
- ❖ Video Resources.
- ❖ In Person Assistance.

Audience Response System (ARS)

- ❖ Q&A

- ❖ Polling

Note: Polling is not mandatory. The choice to include polling in a presentation is entirely up to the speaker.

Moderators will direct the questions to the applicable speaker(s).

Questions:

- ❖ Select the question you would like to incorporate into the session.
- ❖ Address the applicable speaker and repeat the question to them out loud (remember that the speakers and audience do not know the questions submitted).
- ❖ After response, continue discussion or introduce a new question until your session allotted time has concluded.

Polling:

- ❖ Polling will be integrated into speaker presentations with a 15 second countdown timer for participation.

Who can submit questions?

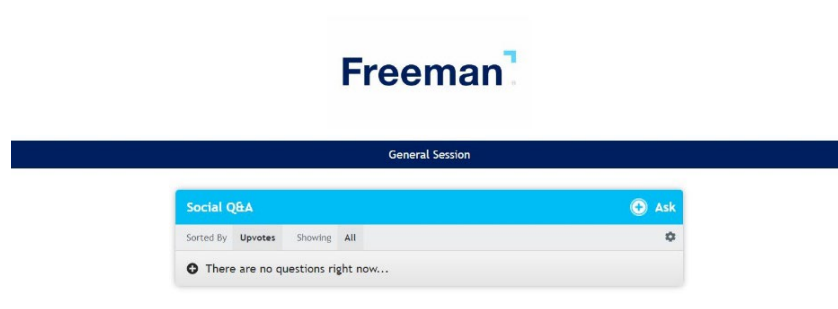
Audience Participation will be through American Heart Association Conferences mobile app.

- ❖ Please direct attendees to utilize the American Heart Association Conferences mobile app. From there they will navigate to the session they are participating in and will be able to submit their questions.



Questions Interface

- ❖ A Moderator laptop will be set up at your room head table with ARS interface. It will be set to the appropriate session by our on-site team.
- ❖ Before the session starts you will see the following until questions are submitted:



- ❖ Once questions are submitted, there are 4 things you can do as a moderator.

Moderating Questions

1 of 4

1| You can favorite a question by clicking on the Heart icon if you think it is good and want to remember to ask it during Q&A:



Moderating Questions

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2| Once you ask a question to the presenter and it is answered you can click the check mark which will remove it from the queue but not delete it:



Moderating Questions

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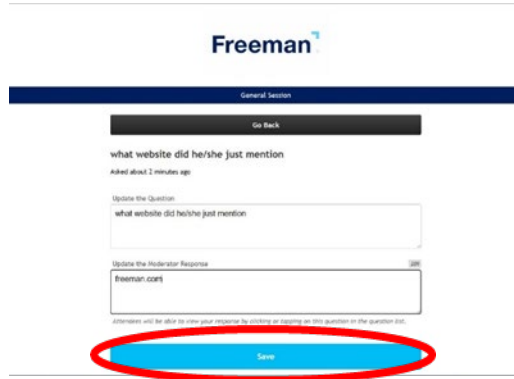
3| You can delete an inappropriate question after clicking on the X you need to confirm by clicking on the Dismiss or if you made an error click undo to return the question to the queue:



Moderating Questions

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4| You can answer a simple question by clicking on it and typing a response. After you do this, the audience will see “Tap to see Moderators answer”. DO NOT use the check mark after you answer a question because it will remove it from the queue and the audience will not see your response:



Freeman

General Session

Go Back

what website did he/she just mention

Asked about 2 minutes ago

Update the Question

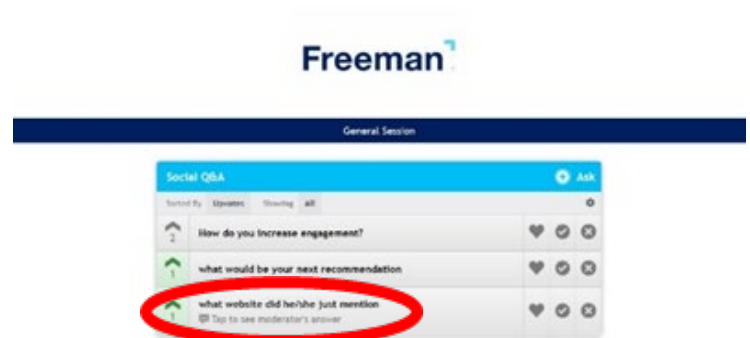
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Update the Moderator Response

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Attendees will be able to view your response by clicking or tapping on this question in the question list.

Save



Freeman

General Session

Social Q&A

Sorted By Upvotes Showing All

2	How do you increase engagement?	♥	✓	✕
1	what would be your next recommendation	♥	✓	✕
1	what website did he/she just mention	♥	✓	✕

Tap to see moderator's answer

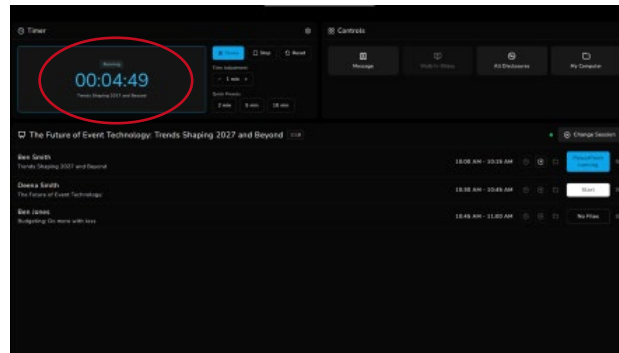
Moderator Room Control

- ❖ Speaker Timer
- ❖ Speaker Messaging

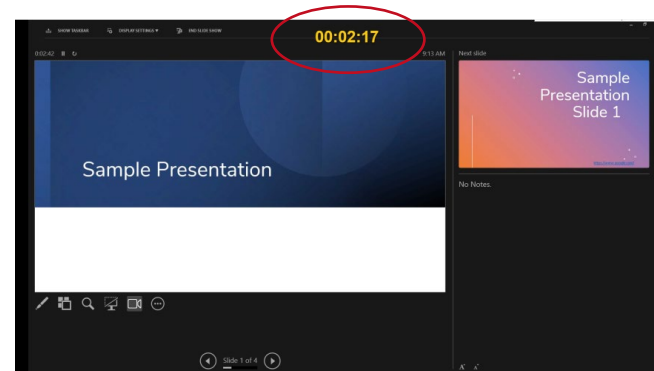
Moderator Controlled Speaker Timer

- ❖ Countdown timer will display on the presenter lectern laptop and can be controlled from your room control display computer.
- ❖ Timers will start automatically with the allotted time when presenter launches their presentation from the lectern. You will have the ability to start, pause, reset, or adjust the time remaining.
- ❖ At 3:00 minutes remaining the timer will display YELLOW to indicate that the speaker is in the final minutes of their allotted time.
- ❖ Presentations will automatically close once the timer reaches +00:00:15 seconds beyond the allotted time.
- ❖ This display is private and will be out of the audience view.

Moderator Room Control Timer View



Presenter Lectern View



Timer Controls

⌚ Timer

Running

00:04:49

Trends Shaping 2027 and Beyond

Pause

Stop

Reset

Time Adjustment

- 1 min +

Quick Presets

2 min

5 min

10 min

Controls

Message

Walk-In Slides

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● Change Session

Ben Smith

Trends Shaping 2027 and Beyond

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM ⌚ 📄 📁

PowerPoint running

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Deena Smith

The Future of Event Technology:

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM ⌚ 📄 📁

Start

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Ben Jones

Budgeting: Do more with less

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM ⌚ 📄 📁

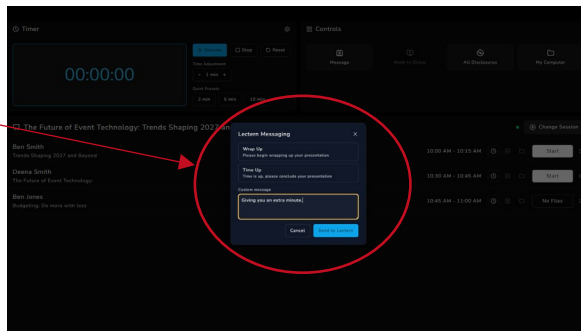
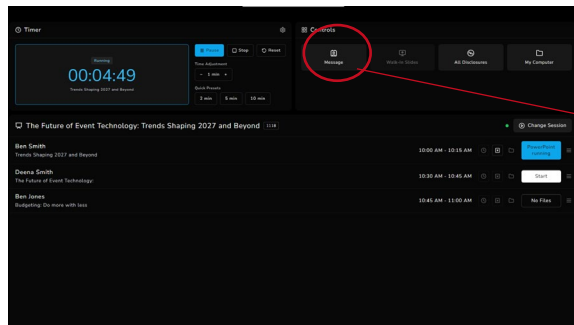
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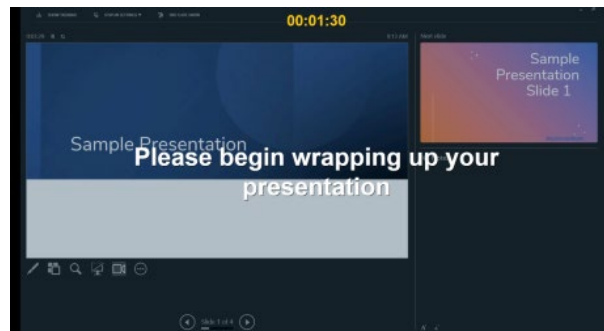
Moderator Speaker Messaging

- ❖ Messages can also be sent to the presenter lectern laptop that will display over the speaker's presentation for five seconds before returning to their slides.
- ❖ Several default messages will be available as well as the ability to type and custom message before selecting the send message button.
- ❖ This display is private and will be out of the audience view.

Moderator Room Control Messaging View



Presenter Lectern View



Video Resources

❖ Moderator Experience - How to log into Orchestrate using a Verification Code and review your sessions:

[https://scribehow.com/embed-preview/Moderator Experience How to log into Orchestrate using a Verification Code and review your sessions 0mLSev9VQ8WlQYE-IWX1XQ?as=video&size=flexible&voice=marin&scaleMode=contain](https://scribehow.com/embed-preview/Moderator%20Experience%20How%20to%20log%20into%20Orchestrate%20using%20a%20Verification%20Code%20and%20review%20your%20sessions%200mLSev9VQ8WlQYE-IWX1XQ?as=video&size=flexible&voice=marin&scaleMode=contain)

❖ Room Control - How to use the Virtual Timer and Messenger:

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In Person Assistance

- ❖ When you arrive in Chicago at McCormick Place, please visit our Speaker Resource Room in N426AB located on the fourth floor above the North Hall.

Hours:

Thursday, November 5, 2026 | 3:00pm-5:30pm

Friday, November 6, 2026 | 6:30am-5:30pm

Saturday, November 7, 2026 | 6:30am-5:30pm

Sunday, November 8, 2026 | 6:30am-5:30pm

Monday, November 9, 2026 | 6:30am-3:00pm

- ❖ Our team will be available to assist you with reviewing uploaded presentations and practicing the moderator room controls.

THANK YOU



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