

Risky Business

SCSBIT Annual Risk Management Conference

Oct. 14-16, 2026

Sonesta Resort
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 14

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. **Registration**

5 – 6:30 p.m. **Welcome Reception**

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This is the perfect start to a great few days together! Join the SCSBIT team and fellow attendees for light refreshments, good conversation, and a chance to reconnect with colleagues and make new connections.

Thursday, October 15

7 - 8 a.m. **Breakfast** (included with registration)

8 – 8:15 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Scott Price, *Executive Director, SCSBA*

Lyde Graham, CPM, *Director of Insurance Services, SCSBIT*

8:15 – 9:45 a.m. **Empowered to Grow! Creating Effective Learning Environment for All Students**

Under the right conditions, all children can grow academically, socially, and emotionally. This session provides educators and school leaders with a framework for creating three growth conditions shown to help students improve academically and increase self-confidence. The alignment of purpose, skills, and outcomes is at the core of any successful process. Attendees will be able to identify, apply, measure, and refine growth strategies to help historically disadvantaged children reach their maximum potential.

Dr. Akil E. Ross, Sr., *Superintendent,*

School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties

9:45 – 10 a.m.	Break
10 – 10:45 a.m.	Learning AI for Safety: From Novelty to Necessity Do you know what innovative communication tools are at your fingertips? AI is everywhere and effective leaders use it to deliver their message. Companies are taking advantage of artificial intelligence (AI) to create safety content for different media applications such as training, campaigns, and basic visual aids. With AI, you can create images that look like you and sound like you. You can use your personal avatar to share your message in multiple languages. This talk will show you how to learn AI skills and techniques. We will walk you through your options to expand your message. David G. Lynn, CSP, President, Peak Safety Performance
10:45 – 11 a.m.	Break
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Beyond the Claim: How Employer Decisions Shape Workers’ Compensation Outcomes Session will cover how employer decisions and actions impact workers’ compensation cost. It will also cover the role of mediation in SC workers’ compensation claims. Hal Willson, Esquire, Willson Jones Carter & Baxley PA
12 – 1 p.m.	Lunch (included with registration)
1– 2 p.m.	Ready Before the Loss: SCSBIT’s Coordinated School Property Disaster Response When a major property loss affects a school, SCSBIT’s new coordinated response process provides member districts with a simple, streamlined path from the initial call through recovery, reconstruction and payment of services. This interactive panel will explain how SCSBIT, USI, BMS CAT, the adjustment team, and other specialized partners coordinate emergency response, mitigation, claims documentation, vendor services, project communication, regulatory requirements, and business continuity—reducing the district’s administrative burden and helping return facilities to service safely and efficiently. Mike Sandlin, Assistant Director of Property & Casualty, SCSBIT Roger McCreary, CPCU, CCLA, AIC, Mid-South Regional Claim Manager, USI Insurance Services Leigh McBeth, Commercial Account Manager, BMS CAT Jay McDermott, General Manager, Carolinas, BMS CAT Shadira Amorim, Southeast Regional Vice President, BMS CAT Sammy Bridges, Regional Director, BMS CAT Craig Martin, Vice President of Strategic Accounts, BMS CAT
2 – 2:45 p.m.	Your Risk, Our Partnership

What can we do to help your school district? SCSBIT staff will share insights into the challenges facing school districts and how insurance, claims management, and risk control work together to help protect your district. We'll discuss ways SCSBIT can partner with you throughout the year to prevent losses, effectively manage claims, and make the most of your coverage.

Tim Hinson, *Assistant Director of Risk Control, SCSBIT*

Mike Sandlin, *Assistant Director of Property & Casualty, SCSBIT*

Kim Woodall, *Assistant Director for Workers' Compensation, SCSBIT*

2:45 – until

Risk Control Grant

One of SCSBIT's primary goals is to reduce the risk for accidents through effective risk management practices. Hear about how district accident prevention committees and safety audits by the SCSBIT risk control staff can increase your district's chances for less claims and lower premiums. For districts already participating, Tim will provide the latest updates on the SCSBIT Risk Control Safety Grants program.

Tim Hinson, *Assistant Director of Risk Control, SCSBIT*

Friday, October 16

7:30 – 8:20 a.m.

Breakfast (included with registration)

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.

The Evolving Cyber Landscape

Jeff will provide insights on the current cyber threat landscape, with a focus on the education sector and critical controls for SCSBIT member school districts. In addition, he will discuss emerging cyber risks including Artificial Intelligence and Post Quantum Cryptography.

Jeff Palatt, *Cyber Risk Advisor, AIG*

9:15 – 10:05 a.m.

Active Assailant – A Coverage Conversation

What coverage is available when your school district faces a serious incident? Hear from a representative of one of SCSBIT's reinsurers about coverage designed to provide specialized support and resources in response to certain incidents.

Lucy Straker, *Focus Group Leader – US Political Violence & Deadly Weapons Protection, Beazley*

10:05 – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

"I'm Right, You're Wrong, Shut Up!"

Identifying the current state of our relationships related to our work culture and discussing strategies to help us navigate through today's dividing issues so we can increase our team's functionality. There IS hope. There is also a role for each of us within the solution.

Dr. Lee Pritzl, *Author, Master Facilitator, Retired Administrator, Elevated Performance*

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.

Closing Remarks

Lyde Graham, CPM, *Director of Insurance Services, SCSBIT*