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## MONTHLY MEETING - APRIL 2026

### The 2025–2027 Compliance Horizon: What Contract Manufacturers Must Prepare for Now

Speaker: Angela Diesch - Partner, Potomac Law

Join industry professionals for this essential in-person event, hosted by the CASCC and featuring Angela Diesch, Partner at Potomac Law Group. Angela is a leading expert in cosmetics regulatory compliance. She will deliver timely, practical insights to help contract manufacturers navigate today's accelerating regulatory shifts.

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Angela Diesch is a Partner with Potomac Law, specializing in regulatory compliance for the cosmetics, over-the-counter drug, and medical device industries. She counsels clients on all aspects of product development, labeling, claims substantiation, and marketing, with particular expertise in the "natural" and "organic" sectors. Angela is a recognized leader in advancing industry standards through her work with NSF International, where she chairs the Joint Committees on Organic Personal Care (NSF/ANSI 305), Good Manufacturing Practices for Cosmetics (NSF/ANSI 455-3), and OTC Drugs (NSF/ANSI 455-4), among others. She also represents companies in investigations and enforcement actions brought by the FDA, FTC, NAD, state attorneys general, and private litigants. Angela is a frequent speaker at national industry conferences and client training programs.



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# MESSAGE FROM *The Chair*

As we close out the first quarter of 2026, I find myself genuinely energized by the enthusiasm and turnout of our community. With a full house at each of our February and March meetings, it's clear that the spirit of the SCC is alive and well.

Our February meeting brought the LA Basin crowd to the beautiful West Drift in Manhattan Beach, where speaker Fred Khory gave us a truly first-class evening. Fred opened the doors — and the hood — of his laboratory, Above Rinaldi Labs, offering a fascinating look at how he and his team navigate the unique and ever-evolving needs of today's clients. It was the kind of behind-the-scenes access that reminds us why we love this industry.

In March, we gathered in Costa Mesa, and I took a moment to acknowledge what's on all of our minds: a challenging and shifting economic landscape. Yet despite global disruption and the accelerating pace of AI adoption, we are fortunate to call this region home — a place where brands are born and culture will continue to inspire for generations to come. I am genuinely grateful to learn, compete, and connect alongside such a passionate community of R&D innovators and business leaders.

On the events front, our Chair-Elect Stephanie Facuri made an exciting announcement: our Summer Event will be held at The Gourmandise School in Santa Monica, CA on June 27th. I'll admit — I have never taken a cooking class, so I may be the most eager student in the room. Tickets are expected to go fast, so grab yours before they're gone!

We also offered a first look at our Scientific Seminar, coming to Pasadena, CA on September 22nd, themed The Skin Frontier: Future of Skin Care. Speaker announcements are on the way — stay tuned.

Rounding out a memorable evening, Neil Burns — a surfactant business executive with over 40 years of industry leadership — delivered an engaging Surfactants 101 presentation, covering the global surfactant marketplace, emerging trends, regulatory dynamics, and the challenges ahead. Safe to say, we all left knowing a little more about the molecules behind the magic.

Next up: San Francisco on April 21st at the SF Box. I very much look forward to engaging with our NorCal community and continuing the momentum we've built this quarter.

Until then — keep formulating.

Matt Driver  
Chair, California Society of Cosmetic Chemists



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<b>MAY</b> <b>12</b>	<b>DUKE'S</b> Malibu, CA
<b>JUN</b> <b>6</b>	<b>DINNER DANCE</b> Long Beach, CA
<b>JUN</b> <b>27</b>	<b>SUMMER EVENT</b> Santa Monica, CA
<b>SEP</b> <b>TBD</b>	<b>AVENUE OF THE ARTS</b> Costa Mesa, CA
<b>SEP</b> <b>TBD</b>	<b>Golf Outting</b> Anaheim, CA
<b>SEP</b> <b>22</b>	<b>SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR</b> Los Angeles, CA
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## Ariana Farina

### Was there a defining moment that led you into the industry?

I wouldn't say there was necessarily a defining moment. After exploring different fields in college, I came out of it still not sure what I wanted to do with my science degree. This is a predicament I think a lot of people find themselves in. We are told we have to define specifically what we want to do so early. But sometimes, the right opportunity and field also finds you. But more importantly, what convinced me to stay in the beauty industry is the creativity involved in it. Although my background is in science, I also appreciate artist design, which can be found in our industry.

### What first drew you into the cosmetic regulatory space? What keeps you excited about it today?

The space allows for a combination of regulatory and technical knowledge. Navigating regulations is a complex puzzle that involves not only navigating concrete regulatory limits, but also areas that allow for interpretation. Figuring out how to make sense of these gray areas is where the real challenge comes, and I enjoy a good challenge. Also, the regulation is ever-evolving. The same regulation that was true yesterday may change tomorrow. It requires continuing self education and constantly pivoting, so I never get bored.

### Any advice you would like to give to someone entering the cosmetic field today?

Read the laws and regulations all the way through, not just the article about the regulation, the actual regulation. Sometimes regulation can be misrepresented or misinterpreted in press write-ups. Also, having read it will give you an idea of where to look something specific up when you have to revisit it the future.

### You're gifting a family member a new cosmetic product, what's your go-to fun pick?

I love to give them a new product that I just discovered, especially those that feature new scientific innovations and technology.



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## Ariana Farina

### **As both a consumer and regulatory expert, what is one claim on a product that makes you pick it up every time?**

For me, with my science background, I like to see real scientific testing behind claims. I look for claims with asterisks next to them that explain what scientific reasoning or testing the claim was based on. This helps reassure me that some scientific thought was put into making these claims.

### **Any examples of how regulatory acts as a catalyst for innovation? When does it become a hurdle?**

Sometimes regulatory limitations can lead to new innovations. For instance, when the use of plastic microbeads was limited in the US for cosmetic products, this forced our industry to develop alternatives that are more sustainable and sometimes even more effective than the previous versions.

Regulation can be a constant hurdle if it is not managed in an efficient way. Additionally, it can become a major hurdle when it is so difficult or expensive to comply with that small companies with limited budgets cannot afford to manage it.

### **If regulatory had a motto or a tagline, what would yours be?**

I have lots of taglines I use on a daily basis. But one might be, "limit the risk." The risks to the consumer, which may be health risks or others, can be limited by complying with regulations. In turn, complying with regulations limits risk for the companies that make and sell the products.

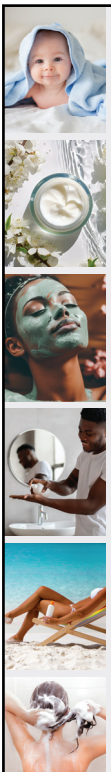
### ***a little bit more about Ariana:***

I am originally from Chicago, but I have been in California since college and beyond. I came here for the pacific ocean beach and the weather, but I have fallen in love with so many things about LA. For instance, I love movies, and I love that I can find people in almost any conversation to discuss the latest film that I have seen. I even moonlight as a film festival programmer in my spare time.



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# Regulatory Updates

## USA

### FDA

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- Warning Letter: A warning letter was issued to a manufacturer of oral care and aerosol OTC drugs for GMP violations, including unsanitary conditions.
- The FDA made an announcement on colorants and addressed cosmetic color additive questions, particularly “natural colorants.”
- The FDA is seeking comments from a public comment period on cosmetics in preparation for the ICCR annual meeting in July.

### NAD

- The NAD challenged claims about a third party certification regarding a “100/100 Health Score” because the criteria were unclear what this meant. This is similar to what we have seen before about clarity in product claims and certifications.

### FTC

- The Whitehouse recently issued an executive order for the FTC to prioritize enforcement of truthfulness in “Made in America” claims.

### California

- EPR:
  - a. Packaging associations are suing over the enforcement of SB 343 saying that it won't increase recycling, but instead will increase consumer confusion. The associations also alleges that SB 343 doesn't encourage innovations in new recyclable materials. Stay tuned...
  - b. The Circular Action Alliance (CAA) released a webinar explaining SB 54.
- SCP
  - a. Released research findings on intimate care products. Currently they haven't found chemicals to regulate, but they will continue evaluating other chemicals.
  - b. Sent out a questionnaire to be filled out consumers on persona care product usage.

# Regulatory Updates

## USA

### Washington

- EPR – Registration and reports on recycled content due by April 1, 2026.

### Minnesota

- PFA's pollution prevention law – PFA reporting due by July 1, 2026.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Canada

- Health Canada added PARSOL Shield to their secondary sunscreen monograph.
- Natural Health Products (NHPs)-Health Canada has announced they are ending the Foreign Site Reference # process because it is now part of the site licensing program. Also, companies will no longer need to apply to add foreign warehouses to a site license.



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# The History of Mascara

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Like many of our current make-up trends, the origin story starts in ancient Egypt, where everyone—men, women, pharaohs, and probably their cats—lined their eyes with Kohl. Why? Fashion? Yes! Spiritual protection? Also, yes. Guarding against evil spirits, the sun? Absolutely! The recipe was simple: Crushed minerals like galena mixed with oils or animal fat. Was it safe? Nope. Egyptians believed that heavily lined eyes pleased the gods, which would explain a lot why such a trend survived to current times.

In the middle-ages, mascara quietly disappeared because the fashion trend leaned toward pale skin and invisible lashes. If you ever have a chance to look at paintings from that time period, you will notice the women had no lashes (Mona Lisa comes to mind). Women even plucked their eye lashes to make their foreheads look bigger. Bigger foreheads were hot!!

The Victorian age brought beauty back – including toxic products. Mascara made a comeback in the 19th century, when queen Victoria declared makeup “vulgar”, but everyone wore it anyway, just sneakily. Women darkened their lashes using a home combo of ash, soot and elderberry juice. Sounds like a witch’s brew! In 1830, Eugene Rimmel (Yes! That Rimmel) popularized one of the first commercial mascaras. It was basically perfume mixed with coal dust and applied with a brush. Not ideal, but an improvement on the concept.

In 1917, chemist T.L. Williams created a lash darkening product for his sister Mabel using petroleum jelly and coal dust. This invention became Maybelline, a combo of Mabel and Vaseline!

Early forms of mascara came in a cake form and required water to activate, while rubbing a brush on the cake!

Enter Hollywood! By the 1930s and 40s, mascara hit the big time. Actresses needed dramatic lashes that could be seen from space. False eye lashes, lash darkeners, and very intense makeup routines became the norm. This era also brought water-proof mascara, because who wants to cry on screen without looking beautiful?!

# The History of Mascara

In the 1950s, mascara got another upgrade. It was packed in tubes and wands. No more cakes and no more water. From then, the product evolved at lightening speed. Now we have lengthening, volumizing, curl-enhancing, fiber-infused, tubing, lash extension in a bottle mascaras. It must be clump-free, but dramatic, natural looking, yet bold, but also easy to remove and somehow gentle to sensitive eyes. A real challenge for us formulators that we gladly accept!



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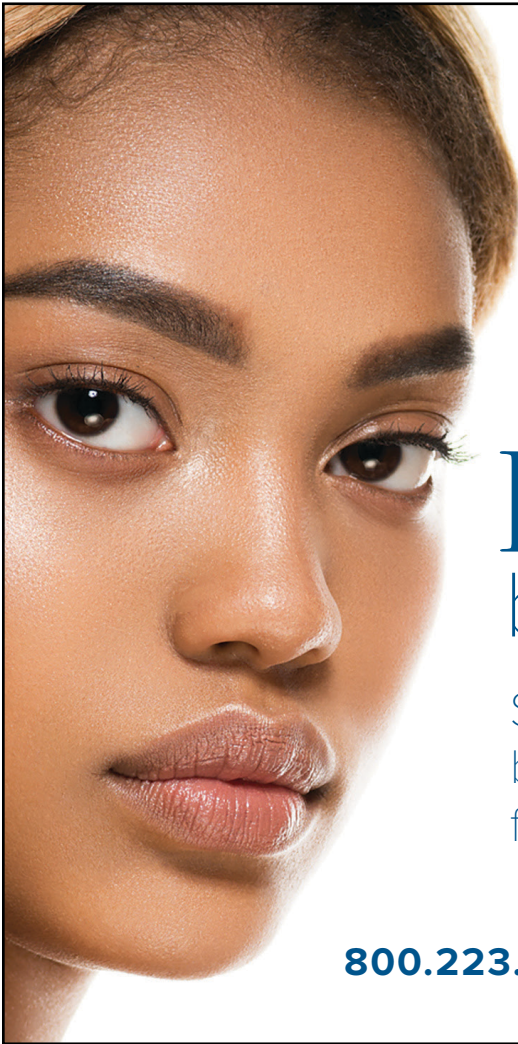
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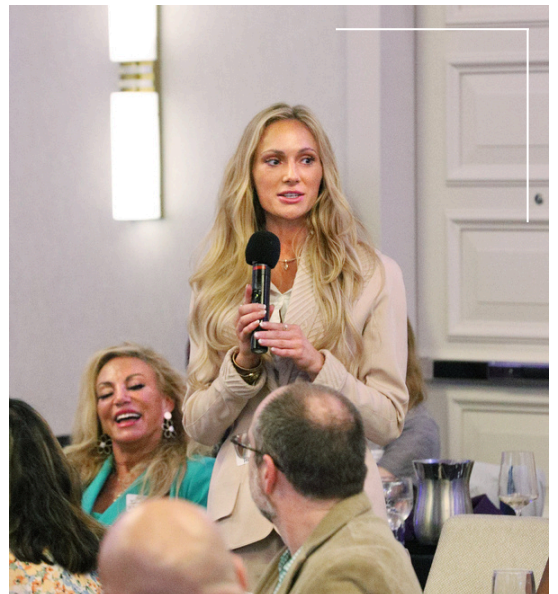
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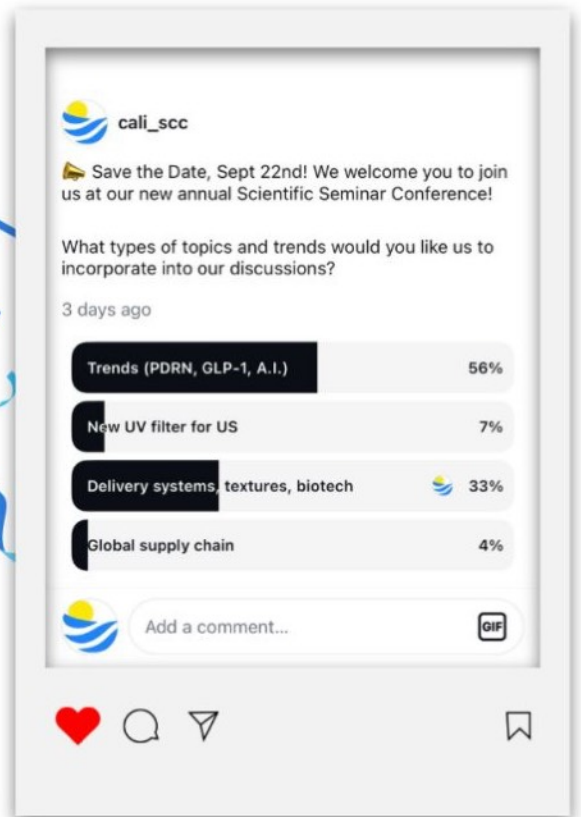
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