



SEEKING PRESENTERS

We are now accepting proposals for presentations at the 2020 Western Planner and North Dakota Planning Association Conference to be held August 26-28, 2020 in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Proposal Submittal Deadline: **December 31, 2019**

Theme and Topics

The theme of the conference will be ***Serving as a Bridge***. How can planners and design professionals create bridges between important, but sometimes conflicting, values in our communities?

- Historic heritage and dynamic change
- Public good and private development
- Urban and rural
- The range of values and visions of citizens and stakeholders in our communities.

Any topics in the realm of land use, transportation, community design, environmental stewardship, equity, planning law, ethics, and economic development are welcomed.

Format Options

Traditional Session. 60-minute or 90-minute session on a single topic. We encourage using the “three I’s”:

1. **Innovative.** Show something new and exciting, even if you are in the process of learning and practicing it.
2. **Interactive.** Presenter and audience should be communicating with each other. Creative means for group interaction are welcomed.
3. **Informative.** Sessions should be eligible for CM credits. See APA website for guidelines.

Sessions may be conducted by an individual or team, with separate talks or with a moderator and panelists. Diverse teams from multiple states are encouraged. AV capabilities available.

Pecha Kucha. Series of independent talks of approximately 7-minutes in length and 20 visual slides. Concise and fast-paced, similar to a TED talk. Individuals may apply separately.

How to Submit a Proposal

Please provide the following information in an email to dnairn@bismarcknd.gov:

1. **Abstract.** Presentation title, chosen format, and a brief description (200 words or less) of the topic.
2. **Bio:** Name and a short description (150 words or less), including current employment, professional designations, educational background, etc. for all presenters, to be shown in the program as is.
3. **Contact Information.** So we can contact you.

Whether you are a renowned expert on the topic or a practitioner sharing your discoveries and pitfalls along the way, your unique perspective is valuable!

Feel free to suggest ideas for assistance or guidance if you are not ready for a formal submission.

