WRPA Conference Education Session Proposal Reference Guide

General Information
Thank you for your interest in becoming a speaker for the Washington Recreation & Park Association. The information requested in the following Session Proposal form is necessary to ensure the Conference Education Committee (CEC) has the information needed to review and evaluate your proposal. If your session is selected, detailed information is also needed to ensure that WRPA can approve your session for Continuing Education Units (CEUs). WRPA offers trainings year-round and your session proposal may be considered for a variety of training programs.

Questions regarding your submission should be directed to the WRPA Office at wrpa@wrpatoday.org.

Speaker Proposal Questionnaire

Page 1:
Contact Person: __________________________

Email Address: __________________________

Phone Number: __________________________

Name of CEC member you have been working with, if applicable: __________________________

Page 2: Session Basics
Session Title: __________________________

Session Description: (80 words maximum) __________________________

Has this session been previously presented for WRPA? __________________________

If yes, what training and when was it presented? __________________________

Page 3: Session Information
Provide a clear explanation of why this session is needed by WRPA and the session's learning objectives. The needs assessment should identify a problem and solutions to the problem. Learning outcomes or objectives are statements that specify what learners will know or be able to do as a result of attending the session. Outcomes are usually expressed as knowledge, skills or attitude.

Needs Assessment: (100 words maximum) __________________________

Learning Objective #1: (25 words maximum) __________________________

Learning Objective #2: (25 words maximum) __________________________
Learning Objective #3: (25 words maximum) ________________________________

Primary Subject Area:

1. Advocacy
2. Aquatics
4. Career Development
5. Equity & Inclusion
6. Leadership & Management
7. Maintenance & Operations
8. Planning & Design
9. Risk Management

Secondary Subject Area:

1. Advocacy
2. Aquatics
4. Career Development
5. Equity & Inclusion
6. Leadership & Management
7. Maintenance & Operations
8. Planning & Design
9. Risk Management

Page 4: Main Speaker Information

Lead Presenter Name: ________________________________

Lead Presenter Job Title: ________________________________

Lead Presenter Employer: ________________________________

Lead Presenter Email: ________________________________

Lead Presenter Phone: ________________________________

Lead Presenter Bio: (80 words maximum) ________________________________

Lead Presenter Speaking Experience

1. Past Speaker at WRPA Annual Conference or Fall Summit
2. Past Speaker at Other WRPA Training
3. Professional Educator
4. Professional Development Trainer
5. Staff Trainer
6. Professional Speaker
7. No Previous Experience
8. Other
Page 5: Additional Speakers (Optional)

Generally, no more than two presenters are allowed for a 1.25-hour session and no more than four presenters are allowed for a 2.5-hour session.

Speaker 2 – Name, Job Title, Employer: ________________________________
Speaker 2 – Email: ________________________________
Speaker 2 – Bio (80 words maximum): ________________________________

Speaker 3 – Name, Job Title, Employer: ________________________________
Speaker 3 – Email: ________________________________
Speaker 3 – Bio (80 words maximum): ________________________________

Speaker 4 – Name, Job Title, Employer: ________________________________
Speaker 4 – Email: ________________________________
Speaker 4 – Bio (80 words maximum): ________________________________

Page 6: Preferences

The 2019 Annual Conference will be held April 21 – 23, 2020 at the Tacoma Convention Center in Tacoma, Washington.

I prefer my session to be scheduled at the following time

1. Morning
2. Afternoon
3. Does not Matter

If my session is not selected for the upcoming annual conference, I am interested in being considered for future WRPA conferences and professional development trainings.

1. Yes
2. No

Page 7: Set-up Requirements

Rooms are typically set up theater or classroom style for 40 to 100 people, depending on room size. Rooms are set standard with a screen and projector, a podium with one wired microphone, and an HDMI connection for laptops. Please tell us more about what you may need for your session to run smoothly.

Every effort will be made to accommodate speaker requests, but may be limited due to budget or availability of equipment. Speakers are required to bring their own PC compatible laptops and projector remotes as they will not be provided.

Room Needs

1. Wireless or Lavalier Microphone
2. Additional Microphones (e.g. for Panels)
3. Flip Chart with Markers
4. Internet Access
5. Audio Patch to Play Sound/Video from Your Computer
6. Other

Instructional Methods
1. Lecture
2. Audience Participation/Hands-on Practicum/Demonstration
3. Panel Discussion
4. Small Group Discussion
5. Other

Please describe any special accommodations needed for speakers(s): ________________________________

Page 8: Honorariums & Travel Reimbursements

WRPA works with a small budget to pay for speaker honorariums. Any proposal with a speaker who requires an honorarium will be reviewed separately from the other proposals and be held to different selection criteria based on budgetary and programmatic needs. If fees are not requested via this proposal form, it is assumed they will not be required or requested at a later date.

- No, I will not require an honorarium and/or any additional fees
- Yes, I will require an honorarium or additional fees

If you answered “yes”, what is your total speaker fee: ________________________________

What does the above fee include:

1. Airfare
2. Lodging/Hotel
3. Car Rental/Airport Travel
4. Meals
5. Other