2018 ESP Call for Proposals

The ESP Professional Development Committee is seeking proposals for scholarly presentations for the 2018 ESP National Conference, “Vast Prairies – Endless Possibilities” to be hosted by Kansas’ Alpha Rho Chapter October 1 thru October 4, 2018. Visit the ESP Website at espnational.org for online submission links, also listed at the end of this document.

National Conference Proposals: Due by March 15, 2018
Authors will be notified of their selection by June 2018.

a) National Conference Concurrent Sessions Requirements:
Concurrent sessions will be 50 minutes in length, which includes setup, making the presentation, question/answer period and take down.
- A session may be a presentation, panel discussion, round table discussion, hands-on demonstration or any other methodology.
- An individual may be the lead presenter on one proposal submission. A person may be included as a co-presenter on one additional proposal.
- One stipend will be given to the lead presenter of a Concurrent Session if that presenter fulfills all requirements to receive a stipend. See “Stipends for Current ESP Members” below.
- Please indicate whether the proposal could be a Lightning Presentation or Poster Presentation if not accepted for a Concurrent Session Presentation.
- Proposals require a 300-word maximum abstract and a 50-word maximum summary submitted via the ESP website: espnational.org. Proposals will undergo a blind review process.
- Up to 24 presentations will be selected based on number and quality of submissions.
- Follow this link to the Scoring Rubric.

b) National Conference Poster Sessions Requirements:
Maximum poster size is 36”x48”. Posters will be placed on the walls and wall mounts (tacks) will be provided. One-half of a 6”x30” skirted table will be available to poster presenters, if requested prior to the conference. Please indicate display needs on proposal.
- All posters exhibited during the National ESP Conference will undergo an additional review by a subcommittee of the ESP Professional Development Committee.
- Based on judging at the conference, up to 10 exhibited posters will be selected to receive a $100 stipend.
- Poster presenters will be expected to be present during a specified time to discuss their posters.
- The scoresheet used to review proposals will be found on the ESP National Website.
- Follow this link to the Scoring Rubric.

c) National Conference Lightning Session Requirements:
A Lightning Session is a method of sharing an exciting, educational message in five minutes. Presenters should cover a specific topic and may use visuals (PowerPoint slides, etc.).
- Each presentation will have up to three additional minutes for questions and answers.
- One stipend will be given to the presenter of a Lightning Presentation if that presenter fulfills all requirements to receive a stipend. See “Stipends for Current ESP Members” below.
- Please indicate whether the proposal could be a Poster Presentation if not accepted for a Lightning Presentation.
- Follow this link to the Scoring Rubric.
Additional National Conference Guidelines and Information

All session authors/presenters are responsible for:
- Their own expenses including registration for the conference, travel, lodging, and handouts.
- Presenting their session during their assigned time slot.
- Being available for consultation with participants immediately following their presentation.
- All conference presenters MUST register for the conference and are expected to attend the entire conference.
- All presentations must be submitted to the ESP National Office for posting on the website.

National Conference Stipends for Current ESP Members

Current ESP members who participate in the entire National Conference may qualify for a stipend:
- Concurrent Session Presentation: $250
- Lightning Presentation: $100
- Poster Presentation: $100 (up to 10 stipends may be awarded to top-scoring posters).

Other stipends are provided for:
- Official National Committee Members: $200 (must attend and sign-in for your regional meeting and committee meetings during the conference), and
- Council Voting Delegates: $200 (must be registered as a delegate, attend the regional meeting and check-in, and attend, as a voting delegate for your state at the National Council meeting).

A member is eligible to receive only one stipend. The stipend with the highest value will be awarded. Following the conference, you must fill out the online stipend form located online and available after the conference.

Submit a Professional Development Webinar Proposal
Submit A Concurrent Session Proposal for the 2018 Conference
Submit A Poster Session Proposal for the 2018 Conference
Submit A Lightning Session Proposal for the 2018 Conference

Scoring Guidelines for Webinars, Concurrent Sessions and Poster Sessions.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Mark Platten, Chair of the 2018 ESP Professional Development Committee at mark.platten@colostate.edu or 719-686-7961.