



2019 APA OHIO PLANNING CONFERENCE

CALL FOR SESSIONS

Our Centennial

In October 1919, a group of future-oriented civic-minded Clevelanders organized the first Ohio State Conference on City Planning. The Ohio Planning Conference, later merging with the American Planning Association, was the first organization of its kind and remains the oldest association of citizen and professional planners in the country. Over the past one hundred years, the association and its members have changed and evolved but our mission remains the same – to promote good planning for the betterment of all Ohioans.

This October 2-4, we will convene again in Cleveland to envision the next 100 years for our Ohio communities.

Why EVOLVE?

Some innovate. Some adapt. The unsuccessful do neither. We hope to sustain, improve and anticipate the needs of the places and the people who benefit from our work. Speakers and sessions will explore this journey – where we started, how we grew and where we are going as planners and community champions. Because, if we don't learn from the past, we can't prepare for the future.

Conference Sessions

All sessions submitted must be eligible for AICP Certification Maintenance credit. Session durations will vary throughout the conference schedule. Therefore, session proposals can be submitted in various increments depending on the maturity of the topic and range of speakers.

Final conference tracks will be identified as the schedule develops. Select what topic(s) you feel your proposal best addresses. The host committee has identified the following topics of particular interest and encourages submissions in these areas.

Looking back. Moving forward. What lessons have we learned in 100 years? What should planners be focusing on in the next 100 years?

Professional development tools. What tools and techniques exist to improve a professional planner's day-to-day skills?

Community education. The 1919 conference was established to "interchange ideas... and promote the cause of city, town and regional planning." Today, how can we best prepare citizen planners to create positive change in their communities?

Environment and sustainability. In 2019, we're also acknowledging the 50th anniversary of the Cuyahoga River fire that spurred the creation of the EPA and Clean Water Act.

Diversity and inclusivity. How do we get everyone at the table, in the community and in the profession?

Fast, Funny and Passionate. Highlight fun and interesting topics that spark conversation in 10 minutes or less.

The Good, the Bad, the Ugly. Share real stories of what went wrong, how problems were tackled and what fellow planners can learn for the future.

Want to know the type of information your submission requires?
Check out the **Information Requirements** to better prepare for your submission.

Session Proposals Due 5PM on Friday, April 26, 2019
online submission form provided at www.ohioplanning.org/conference





Mobile Workshops

While there are many aspects of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio that planners from the area know well, attendees at the conference will represent communities from across the state. For Northeast Ohio, this is our time to shine and show off our achievements.

Mobile workshop proposals can include opportunities for a group to travel beyond the conference facility in time frames between one hour and a half day. Keep in mind travel times and transportation alternatives when submitting ideas.

Session and Workshop Goals

Provide educational, fun and interactive sessions. Proposals will be reviewed based on their ability to engage the audience. We encourage attendee participation, interactive elements or activities that are a different format than a traditional lecture followed by Q&A.

Know your audience. There's a wide array of planners, community board members, allied professionals and others that attend the conference. Highlight if the session is geared toward a professional audience or citizen planners. Also, indicate the content level, whether the material is introductory, or intended to advance the skills of experienced planners.

Represent all of Ohio's cities and regions. Sessions will be selected to ensure a conference program that is representative of a diversity of geographies to include urban, rural and suburban locations from all areas of the state.

Be real! It's great to show off successes and what's worked well. However, there are many lessons that can be learned from what hasn't been a success. Let's not be shy and share these situational experiences. Also, ensure sessions have applicable take-aways for the audience.

Celebrate 100 years of planning. Our theme is **EVOLVE**, looking back and moving forward. A century of planning education and activism in Ohio is something we should all be proud of and celebrate. How has that influenced where we are today, and where we're going in the future?

Ensure diversity of speaker representation. Proposals should demonstrate the diversity of the planning profession wherever possible through the speakers identified. This may include cultural, racial and gender diversity, as well as diversity of speaker experiences. We intend to have strong AICP representation, though a broad array of viewpoints from other professionals and community members is encouraged.

Speaker Benefits

Speakers will receive 50% off basic conference registration fees. Speakers must register for at least the day of their session. Additional tickets for mobile workshops, receptions or keynote luncheon are available at full price.

**Extended until
April 26!**

Submit a Proposal

Session proposals must be received by 5 pm, Friday, ~~April 19~~, 2019. Proposals will be accepted only through the online form provided at www.ohioplanning.org/conference. Late/incomplete proposals will not be considered. Your proposal must include information on all presenters.

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