



Call for Sessions

Submittals Open: December 1, 2017

Submissions Close: January 31, 2018, 11:59 pm

Late submissions will not be accepted

Planners talk about shapes and shaping all the time. Phrases like, “the shape of things to come”, or how “plans shaped a community”, are part of everyday conversation. For the 2018 APA California Conference, we’re seeking sessions about how something you did changed the shape of a community. Perhaps you shaped something that changed you, or even our profession. We want to hear about projects or ideas that have transformed, or shapeshifted, unexpectedly. And of course, we want to hear about shapes that were intended to be one thing, but ended up as another. Mostly we want to hear about your ideas for the shape of the future, and your plans to get us all there.

Conference Tracks

Planning for Inclusion – One Size Fits All?

As California continues to evolve as a wonderfully diverse state, how do we ensure that planning safeguards the physical character and diversity of a community? How do planners provide opportunities to address affordability and shape the equitable redevelopment of communities for all? Is it possible to plan for inclusion while avoiding homogeneity?

Interfaces: Where Things Collide

What happens when different priorities exert force on one another (e.g. environmental protection vs. the affordable housing crisis)? How is the approach to planning changing in the midst of increased pressure at the intersections of competing needs and priorities?

Solutions and Innovation

Planning has a role in shaping solutions, crossing borders, and inspiring innovation. We seek out new partnerships and creative approaches to challenges. When faced with new methods and technology, do we find the same results? How does the need for sustainable solutions lead to lasting results for places and people?

Good Intentions, Unintended Consequences

Whether it is a community initiative, project goal, or regulation, it all starts with good intentions - sometimes the best of intentions. When the unintended consequences start to overshadow good intentions, do you stop and question, stay the course, change direction, or withdraw?

Session Format and Moderator Information

While considering how to shape your session, also consider using a unique delivery. Would a healthy debate or design charrette help draw out the important concepts? How could you better engage your audience in the topic? Would a little amateur acting illustrate a point, or shape the discussion? As you shape your proposal, know that this conference is open to presentations that are out of the ordinary. While sessions should be proposed as 90-minutes in length, would attendees benefit if your session could be presented over two session blocks for a total of 3 hours - what unique format or type of engagement would the longer session allow attendees participate in?

All submittals must be made online at: www.APACalifornia-Conference.org. Emailed, faxed, or mailed submittals will not be accepted. If you have questions about submitting a proposal, contact the Programs Subcommittee Co-Chairs: either Anna McPherson, AICP, at AMcPherson@sandiego.gov, or Mark Teague, AICP, at MTeague@PlaceWorks.com.

Please note that this is not the pathway for Student Program or Mobile Workshop proposals. Those subcommittees are working separately to develop their programs. If you have a Student Program idea please email Melanie Tylke at melanietylke@gmail.com, or a Mobile Workshop idea can be sent to Brian Grover at bgrover@dudek.com.

Proposal Contents

All sessions proposals submitted must provide:

Session Title: a brief but engaging title that accurately reflects the content of the session.

Summary: a short description of the session to be used in the conference program (50 words or less).

Abstract: a description of the session and its relevance to the conference theme and track title (200 words or less). Proposals should demonstrate learning objectives to qualify for AICP CM credit.

Session Type: sessions are 90 minutes in length unless you are submitting for a double session. If submitting a double-session please demonstrate why your proposal is worthy of 3 hours of session time.

Panelist Bios and Contact Information: a short biography (50 words or less) and contact information for each presenter (job title, employer, email). Telephone contact is required for the moderator proposing the session.