



American Planning Association
Virginia Chapter

Making Great Communities Happen

2019 Annual Conference – Hampton (July 21 – 24)

Request for Proposals (RFP)

The 2019 American Planning Association (APA) Virginia Chapter Annual Conference is the Chapter's signature event. For our 49th Annual Conference, we will continue to offer a Conference Program that exemplifies the best of Virginia's planning practice, theory, projects and persons.

The 2019 Conference theme is Resilience – Values, Places, Holistic. *Resilience is not simply the tool by which we stop the forces impacting our communities, be it sea level rise, drought, or poverty. It is also how we shape our communities to fit our vision. To do this, our plans for resilient communities must be based in the values of that community. They must also take into the account the individual places and the physical characteristics and culture that vary neighborhood by neighborhood. When done correctly, resilience will be a holistic approach to community development, building strong economies, social connections, and natural systems.*

Priority may be given to sessions that exemplify the 2019 Conference theme (above) and/or those topics identified by the Conference Planning Committee including: woman & minorities in planning, career development & advancement, planning management, finance & budgeting, equity & diversity, new & emerging technologies (solar, broadband, apps), civic engagement and public participation.

All session abstract proposals are due no later than **Friday January 25, 2019**. Late submissions may not be accepted.

2019 Conference Session Formats

Quick Takes (formerly 20x20)	Traditional (Lecture) Format	Deep Dives
Also known as a 20x20, these sessions are designed to be "fast, funny, and passionate," highlighting a topic, idea, theme, project, or program in a fast-paced and brief format. Slides will be automatically advanced at 20 second intervals. Quick Takes will be grouped 4-5 presentations per block with time at the end for a brief Q&A. <i>Students and recent graduates are encouraged to submit a Quick Take proposal.</i>	This format includes a PowerPoint presentation and brief Q&A. Workshop and other hands-on type activities may also be included, but proposals should demonstrate they can work within the allotted 60-minute timeframe. Speaker teams/panels should not exceed three (3) persons.	This format is intended for more <i>intensive</i> topics, themes, projects, or programs including workshops and other-hands-on type activities. Deep Dive presentations should emphasize a high level of expertise or detail in a topic or topics, a portion of the time should be devoted to a facilitated discussion, hands-on activities, or other interactive type component (role playing, etc.) and include at least three (3) speakers/facilitators. Sessions should demonstrate how they can fill a 2.5-hour block of time and how that time will be divided up.

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Instructions for Submitting a Session Proposal

1. Provide no more than a 1-page abstract, including a title, session format requested (Quick Take, Lecture, Deep Dive or Next Big Idea), a detailed description of content, and value of the session to practicing planning professionals.
2. A one (1) page of speaker(s) contact information (including speaker names, credentials, employer, email address, & phone number), a photo headshot and brief biography (3-5 sentences) on each speaker.
3. Please indicate at the end of the abstract if you intend the session to fulfill requirements for Certification Maintenance (CM) credits. The Chapter Professional Development Office (PDO) will review and approve request for CM prior to the Conference.

All proposals should be submitted electronically as a single PDF file to the VP of Chapter Affairs no later than Friday January 25, 2019. Late submissions may not be accepted.

Questions or comments should be directed to the [VP of Chapter Affairs](#).

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